GO GREEN

WHITING HIGH SCHOOL REFLECTOR

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Above, Trying to get pumped before the South Central game, the football team huddles on the field and listens to words of encouragement from their coaches and captains. Their win was also Coach Jeff Cain's 100th win of his career at Whiting.

Left, The varsity cheerleaders, led by captain Heather Slupeck and co-captain Amy Mahony, gather together during halftime in a close game against the Bishop Noll Warriors. Kristi Greer took over the job as head coach for the high school cheerleaders this year.

Left, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Long's Science Olympiad Choice Class were the top contributors during the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive sponsored by the National Honor Society. Right, Dr. Van Hellsing, played by senior Bob Anderson, tries to comfort Lucy, freshman Katlyn Forrestal, in "The Seven Wives of Dracula," one of the eight senior one-acts.

"Go Green" 2008-2009

Above, New principal Jay Harker talks to the high school students about the changes made in the handbook and the new rules and guidelines he and the teachers plan to enforce in the 2008-2009 school year.

Welcome back, Whiting High. The 2008-2009 school year has officially begun and it looks like the Oilers are experiencing some new changes. Change is something that takes us out of our comfort zone; something we're not used to. However, it is said that change is necessary in life in order to move forward. President Barack Obama focused on 'change' during his campaign. Even the world is undergoing a movement focusing on changing the way people conserve and improve our environment. Change is no exception at WHS, which begins the school year with not only a new principal and new counselor, but also new subjects, clubs, staff members and policies. The students and faculty are prepared to embrace the changes necessary to move ahead and are doing so with positive attitudes and high expectations. With great determination, Whiting moves forward to make the school year a memorable one.

Left, Senior all-star softball pitcher Melissa Dumezich, with her parents, officially signs her commitment to elite college Texas A&M. Right, The freshman class marches down 119th Street in their first ever homecoming parade.

Above, The class of 2010 screams V-I-C-T-O-R-Y during the annual homecoming pep rally. The juniors, along with the other high school students, made T-shirts, signs and noisemakers to fire up the football team for their game against Lake Station.

Right, Xtreme Oiler fans dress up in green and white retro attire and cheer on the football team to a victory against Wheeler. Below, The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, which consists of three seniors, three juniors and three sophomores, meet with Mayor Joseph Stahura and the community development director, Brian Lowry, monthly to discuss service projects for the community.

Above, WHS alumna Victoria Franco, senior Melissa Dumezich, alumna Samantha Plavec, and seniors Adi Cruz and Zeena Darji flash their 2008 State Championship Softball rings.

Left, The 2008 Homecoming Court: King and Queen, Alex Leddesma and Christabel Gutierrez; senior court, Ryan Willoughby, Alexis Luna, Michael Unate and Katie Bajzatt; juniors Javier Gutierrez and Monica Vera; sophomores Jennifer Hennessey and Josh Flores; and freshmen Jazmyne Henderson and Jordan Macon.

Right, Parents of Whiting High School students take a break from following their children's schedules and meeting with teachers to enjoy refreshments provided by the Whiting PTO during the first-ever Open House in September.

Below, NHS members, Taylor Pokraka and Michael Unate, count food donations before packing them for delivery to the City of Whiting Food Pantry.

Above, Social studies teacher Mr. Milenkoff addresses students who are interested in joining the new club Students Together Against Narcotics and Destructive Decisions (STANDD).

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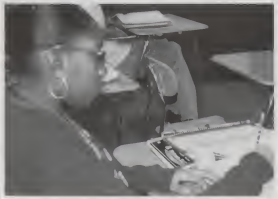
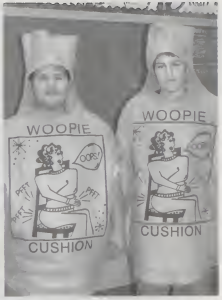


Class of 2012

Right: The Freshman Class Officers: President Emily DeLeon, Vice President Mariana Cervantes, Secretary Tatiana Aponte, Treasurer Leshe Zarate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Freshmen
Class of 2012

Thalia Almendarez
Elizabeth Alvarez
Tatiana Aponte
Jaqueline Arnold
Emily Ballay
Brett Banks
Gianna Basora

Abraham Bautista
Joseph Bondi
Adrian Campos
Sarah Casillas
Alvaro Castelan
Jasmine Castellano-Ramirez
Mariana Cervantes

Mark Chavez
Giovanni Cruz
Rachel Dabertin
Steven de la Paz
Emily DeLeon
Jade Demkovich
Jonathon Dietz

Lindsey Dilbeck
Danielle Domogala
Stephen Duba
Matthew Filipek
Katlyn Forrestal
Heisell Garcia
Jessica Gomez

Amy Hegedus
Jazmyne Henderson
Dominic Hernandez
Megan Herringer
Alexis Hrabovsky
Kelsey Hutchison
Anthony Inglada

Rafael Iniguez
Meryc Janek
Sayra Jimenez
Hector Juarez-Medina
Joshua Kempke
Kyle Kempke
Nicholas Korman

Jasmine Lopez
Manuel Lopez
Tierra Maclin
Jordan Macon
Katelyn Malacina
David Matura
Jacob McNinch

Yvette Meraz
Paige Minsner
Emily Moen
Claudia Montero-Lopez
Nabech Moore
Luke Ohregon
Jose Orozco

Kaylee Peterson
Jorge Ponce
Angelica Puente
Kelsey Pubek
Tina Ramos
Anna Romero
Miguel Romero

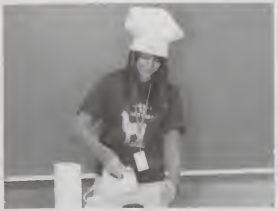
Vincent Rossodivito
Chandler Saints-Semon
Maria Salazar
Gina Saliga
Isabel Sandoval
Julie Sandoval
Alexis Sciacero

Steven Socolovert
Coty Sparks
James Staley
Caleb Strabavy
Steven Taylor
David Tobias
Cristina Torres

Matthew Tustison
Alonzo Vega
Danielle Weems
Gabriela Zapien
Leslie Zarate

Class of 2011

Above: The Sophomore Class Officers (Left) Treasurer Elizabeth Muryn, President Johanne Stribiak, Secretary Emelie Lovasko, Vice President Jennifer Hennessey



Contestant
Ojeda

Sophomores
Class of 2011

Gabrielle Aguilera
Matthew Aponte
Jessica Arredondo
Elliott Bajda
Stephen Bajzatt
Jasmine Bejar

Ojas Bharatia
Vastal Bharatiya
Amanda Blackwell
Camilo Campos
Roxena Cardoso
Krystal Casanova

Jazmin Castellanos
Guadalupe Cornejo
Erica Cossyleon
Wyatt Cowley
Shanda Crowe
John Dahm

Phillip Espinosa
Joshua Flores
Jake Foster
Katrina Garcia
Marysol Garcia
Haley Gaudette

Joel Gomez
Sandy Gomez
Mayra Gonzalez
Roberto Gonzalez
Edward Grotta
Raehel Grunhard

Jennifer Hennessey
Jordan Hennessey
Amanda Isbill
Megan Jakovich
Megan Kazmierski
Steven Kielyka

Thomas Kompiet
Jonathon Lanman
Luis Lazaro
Jordy Lema
Hannah Leon
Emelie Lovasko

Christopher Lovings
Brittney Lupo
Thomas Lytle
Elizabeth Marin
Melina Marin
Taylor McNinch

Maxwell Mills-Groninger
Miriam Miramontes
Elizabeth Murzyn
Robert Nava
Edgar Ojeda
Michael Ortiz

Eric Perez
Rudy Perez
Rebecca Pietrzycki
Ashley Pokraka
Emerik Quiroz
Alejandra Reyna

Krystal Rojas
Michael Roldan
Fernando Sahagun
Ignacio Salazar
Ernest Sanchez
Juwan Simmons

Evelyn Skylas
Justin Soto
Gabrielle Sparano
Julianne Stribiak
Nikko Thomas
Max Winkleman

Linda Zamora
Nicolas Zepeda

Class of 2010

Above: The Junior Class Officers: Treasurer Aldo Lopez, Vice President Alexia Obregon, Secretary Kim Auchberry, President Joey Murzyn

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Juniors
Class of 2010

David Aguilera
Annamarie Arnold
Kimberly Atteberry
Steven Atteberry
Ryan Augustyn
Bernardo Aupont

James Boles
Brittany Bulatovich
Edgar Carrillo
Tracy Casanova
Antonio Cervantes
Christine Cervantes

Juan Cervantes
Karan Darji
Krunal Darji
Silvia Delgado
Shelby Eudakis
Thomas Flores

Kathleen Franciski
Manuel Galindo
Crystal Godinez
Thomas Grotta
Javier Gutierrez
Sarah Jansky

Ilse Jimenez
Monica Kazmierski
Matthew Keown
Lauren Kielbyka
Aldo Lopez
Andrew Lowe

Amy Mahony
Lauren McNinch
Michael Mosier
Zachary Mora
Sarah Mureiko
Joseph Murzyn

Alexia Obregon
Anthony Pietrzycki
Rebecca Ramirez
Joseph Raymond
Eduardo Reyes
Ariel Reyna

Melissa Rodriguez
Salvador Salazar
Lorena Santos
Rachel Sherer
Enrique Silva
Erica Simunic

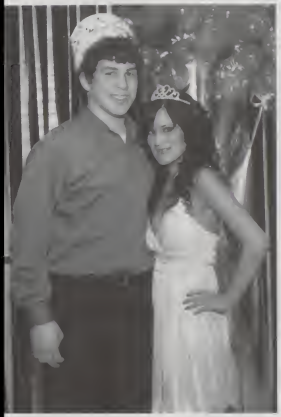
Christopher Slater
Katherine Staley
Chelsae Strabavy
Heather Stupeck
La' Jerica Thomas
Ashley Thompson

Lauren Vega
Monica Vera
Cindy Villasenor
Nicole Visinaiz
Stephanie Viveros
Sarah Watkins

Sarah Wheeler
Jacob Wright

Class of 2009

Right: The Senior Class Officers: President Haleigh Suarez, Vice President Anna Cervantes, Treasurer Adrianna Cruz and Secretary Caitlin Wrzalinski



Seniors
Class of 2009

Robert Thomas Anderson II
Bob, Bounce

Activities: Golf 1-4; STANDD 4; Prom King
Likes: Writing, performing, making a person laugh and music
Dislikes: Hate, meat, over sleeping and Monday mornings
Future Plans: Go to college for broadcasting, and eventually become a Radio DJ

Danny William Atteberry

Activities: Golf 1-4; Academic Team 3-4; Science Olympiad 1-4; German Club 1,3; NHS 3-4; Who's Who 3
Likes: Music, pirates, sledding, epic journeys, Anime, video games, snow, rainy days and hanging out with friends
Future Plans: Attend Purdue University Lafayette, graduate with a master's in mechanical engineering, go into the field of robotics, and raise a family
Other Awards/ Achievements: State Champion Science Olympiad Robot Ramble; salutatorian

Elizabeth Ayon
Liz

Activities: Academic Team 4; Science Olympiad 4; Drama Club 3; German Club 3; Tattler 3; Who's Who 4; STANDD 4; Band 4
Likes: BIOLOGY! Music, books, nerdy things, butterflies, friends, Shakespeare, my teachers and SCIENCE OLYMPIAD!
Dislikes: Ignorance, liars, stereotypes, racism, two-faced people, sexism, disrespect, people who pollute and don't recycle, and hot dogs
Future Plans: Go to college and study pre-medicine, major in biology and then attend medical school to become a neurologist. Also, meet my prince charming.
Other Awards/Achievements: Honor Roll, Choir's Most Improved, Choir's Results, No Excuses, and Who's Who

Ashley Marie Bailey

Activities: Booster Club 4; Student Council 1; German Club 1
Likes: Music, dance, poms, hanging out with friends, shopping, warm weather, taking pictures and neon colors
Dislikes: Cold weather, negative people, compulsive liars and THE WHALE
Future Plans: Attend a four-year college
Other Awards/ Achievements: Piano Hobbyist Award

Katie Rose Bajda

Likes: Music on vinyl, vanilla cupcakes, Nessie, adventures to White Castles, California, road trips, mix tapes, nighttime, lip piercings, concerts, coffee dates, the Ghost Rider, sixth hour, baseball season, camping, laughing, Big Macs, tanning, smiling and Rocket Power
Dislikes: Winter, school, Papa Smurf, Mondays, jumping to conclusions, my horrible immune system, competitiveness, LL Cool J, reading, blueberries, gnomes, sleeping disorders and gas stations
Future Plans: Discover and sign some killer bands, tag along on Warped Tour, and fly to Neverland to stay forever young.
Other Awards/ Achievements: Bein' gangsta' ;)

Katherine Ann Bajzatt
Becky, Katie

Activities: Volleyball 1-4; Softball 1-4: Manager 4; Stat Person 3; Science Olympiad 1-4; Booster Club 1,4; Student Council 1-2; Spanish 2,4; Reflector Editor 3-4; Drama Club 1-4; NHS 3,4, Who's Who 1-4: Top Ten 1-4, Homecoming Court 4; Choir 2-4
Likes: Family, friends, being blonde and smart, sports, Cool Creations, Reflector =], sleepovers at Stacy's, movie nights, chocolate and summertime.
Dislikes: Smoking, waking up early, procrastinating, stop signs, blonde moments and winter/ice/snow
Future Plans: Go to Purdue Lafayette, major in speech-language pathology, find a great job in the city, get married and have kids
Other Achievements: MVP Volleyball 2008, Bausch and Lomb Science Award, valedictorian

Kelsee Marie Eugenia Boland
Kelso, Ug

Activities: Academic Team 3-4, Booster Club 4 Student Council 1-3, Reflector Editor 3-4, Drama Club 1-4; German Club 1,3; STANDD 4, MYAC 3-4; Choir 4

Likes: The tape-rolling crew!! My wives, ice cream, NARNIA, turkey bacon, Hello Kitty, my ceramic buddies, learning, movies, the History Channel, sleepovers, watching cartoons, Uno in German class, the Oldies radio station, Liam Neeson, laughing, Waterworld, Pokemon, my family, spaghetti, nerdy things and electrons

Dislikes: Nicholas Cage, MTV, sloths, chili, when juice boxes are missing their straws, losing at board games, Achilles' heels and Bigfoot

Future Plans: Attend Indiana University Bloomington and be happy

Edward Calderon
Eddy

Likes: Drawing urban art, music and playing basketball

Dislikes: My alarm that wakes me up early, homework and books

Future Plans: Go to college to become an artist and live in Chicago

Melanie Colon

Activities: Spanish Club 2,4; STANDD 4

Likes: Reading many different types of books, shopping and always being on the phone

Dislikes: Being late for anything and wintertime

Future Plans: Attend St. Xavier and get a degree in law. Become a successful lawyer, get married within the next year and own a house.

Zeena Darji
Zeiner, Zeens

Activities: Basketball 1; Volleyball 1-4; Softball 1-4; Stat Person 3-4; Booster Club 1-2; Student Council 4; Spanish Club 2,4; Drama Club 1-2

Likes: The colors green and gray, volleyball, softball, my cell phone and laptop, drawing, painting, my friends, shopping and going to the movies

Dislikes: Ignorant people, insects, the color red, racists, arguing and waking up early

Future Plans: Go to the University of Indianapolis to major in nursing. Become a successful nurse and have a great career.

Other Awards/Achievements: '06 & '08 Softball State Champions, A/B Honor Roll Student

Jaclynn Kathleen Burrgess
Jackie

Other Schools Attended: Kennedy High School 1-2

Activities: Manager 3; Booster Club 4; Reflector 4; STANDD 4; Cultural Connections 1-2; Homecoming Committee 1-2

Likes: Summer, hanging out with friends, shopping, music and swimming

Dislikes: Fake people, Mondays and having nothing to do

Future Plans: Attend Robert Morris College to obtain associate's in nursing. Then major in neonatal nursing at Roosevelt University.

Anna Cervantes
Anna Banana

Activities: Student Council 4, Spanish Club 2,4; Reflector 3-4; NHS 3,4; Who's Who 1; Sectionals Court 2; STANDD 4; MYAC 3-4

Likes: Family, friends, my wives, Reflector, 2nd hour ceramics, being Mexican, unicorns and werewolves, slumber parties, electrons, taking notes, secret class parties, Grifler's, going to the movies, hearts, stars, reading, memories, texting, getting off topic in class, Advanced English 10 and penguins.

Dislikes: Yogurt; math that isn't algebra, ignorant people, liars, cheaters; and underclassmen.

Future Plans: Attend IU-Bloomington, become a social worker, get married, have a family, live a good life forever and ever and ever and ever.

Other Awards/ Achievements: Class Officer: Vice President; NHS Vice President

Adrianna Laura Cruz
Adi, Baby Cruz

Activities: Basketball 1-4; Cross Country 3-4; Volleyball 1-4; Softball 1-4; Booster Club 1-4; Spanish Club 2,4; Reflector 4; Drama CLub 1-4; Homecoming Court 1; STANDD 4; Student Ambassadors 3

Likes: Hanging out with my friends, family, and Juan; my yellow laptop, Flavatas, sports, rollerblading, driving in Speed Racer with Caitlin and Ataseh, my chihuahua, music and sour candy

Dislikes: Radio commercials, mornings and seafood

Future Plans: Attend college, obtain a job in graphic design in Chicago, buy a beautiful home, get married and start a family.

Other Awards/ Achievements: Treasurer of Class of '09, Booster Club, Spanish Club, Drama Club and Student Council; '06 & '08 Softball State Champions.

Andrew Anthony DeJesus
Drew Drew, Cool Guy

Other Schools Attended: George Rogers Clark

Activities: Football 3-4; Drama Club 4; STANDD 4; Student Ambassadors 2

Likes: Drawing, the Cubs, having fun, being goofy and the Dallas Mavericks

Dislikes: Being around angry people, the New York Yankees

Future Plans: Attend Lincoln College of Technology for an electrical systems technician program

Other Awards/Achievements: 2008 Best Looking Male Award at Clark High School

"If you can imagine it..."

Seniors

Emily Mary Esther Francis Duha

Activities: Science Olympiad 1-4, Spanish Club 1-2, Reflector 3, Drama Club 1-3

Likes: Learning about the brain, Disney movies, adventure and fantasy books, rain, sweets, watercolor paints, music, comedians, hippies, Warped Tour, art, green, dinosaurs, guardian angels, movies, flowers and clouds

Dislikes: Self-absorbed people, stupid books, beat boxing flutes, New Disney and Nickelodeon shows, ID's and the dress code

Future Plans: Become the best neuroscientist, paint wonderful watercolor paintings, buy a sailboat to play pirates with my children.

Other Awards/Achievements: 2nd Place at State Science Olympiad for Boomerver, Best in Show for 4H, Taekwando awards.

Melissa Dumezich Mel

Activities: Basketball 1,4; Volleyball 1-4; Softball 1-4, Booster Club 1-4, German Club 1-4, Sectionals Court 1

Likes: Family, sports, college basketball, Chicago Cubs, Da Bears, texting, my dog, massages, the beach, tanning, rollerblading, working out, traveling, weekends, coaching, movies, Guitar Hero, monkeys, shopping, summer and having a good time.

Dislikes: Immature people, fake people, cheaters, liars, jealous people, backstabbers, drama, nosey people, cold weather

Future Plans: Attend Texas A&M to play softball, graduate to become a teacher/coach.

Other Awards/Achievements: MVP Volleyball '05, MVP Softball '06-'08, All American Underarmour, Softball State Champs '06,'08; Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year, '09

Daniel Herbert Ellsworth Fishel Fish

Other Schools Attended: Hobart High

Activities: Football 1-4; Baseball 1; Wrestling 4

Likes: Football, Manny Galindo, Aldo Lopez, Chris Brown, girls, Scoot, Don Adkins, milk and cookies, BO James, A. Lowe

Dislikes: Disliking things

Future Plans: Climb Mt. Everest, wrestle a 20 ft. great white shark to see who is the more dominant fish.

Jessica Irene Flores Jess, Cookie

Activities: Spanish Club 2,4; STANDD 4

Likes: Friends, my boyfriend, long walks when there is nice weather, my family and my pets

Dislikes: Rude people, arrogant people, selfish people, ungrateful people, liars, cheaters and thieves

Future Plans: Go to Purdue Calumet for my first year, then attend Purdue West Lafayette to become a veterinary technician

Other Awards/ Achievements: Honor Roll, Academic "W"

Berenice Frausto Bernie, Berry-Nice

Other Schools Attended: E.C. Central 9th

Activities: Tennis 2-3; Science Olympiad 3; Spanish Club 2,4; NHS 3-4; STANDD 4

Likes: Chinese food, dogs, monkeys, Mickey Mouse, Curious George, candy, Cookies and Cream Hershey's chocolate ice cream

Dislikes: Spinach, spiders, cold weather, medicine, hospitals and shots

Future Plans: Go to college and live a happy life

Bennett Austin Louis Frederick Darkness

Likes: Drawing, art, music, Anime, comics, movies and wood shop class.

Dislikes: Country music, musicals

Future Plans: Become a great artist and create video games

Other Awards/ Achievements: Gaining so many new friends

Eduardo Francisco Galaviz Eddie

Activities: Football 3,4; Sectionals Court 2

Likes: Football, weightlifting, running, Pudge, eating and going to sporting events

Dislikes: Cocky people, and people who don't know their potential

Future Plans: Go to college, get a job, have a family and settle down

Other Awards/Achievements: Honorable Mention for Football '08

Evelyn Garcia Super Stallion, Evie

Activities: Booster Club 1-4; Spanish Club 3-4, Drama Club 1-4, German Club 1, STANDD 4

Likes: Drawing, texting, summer, rainbows, cactus, tattoos, stars, shoes, piercings, dogs, eyes, glitter, hairstyling, roller coasters, Fridays, sleeping, Italy, diamonds, Guitar Hero and music.

Dislikes: Toes, unibrows, papaya, homework, kankles, high-pitched noses, Mondays, the skin of the peach, waking up early, hairy backs, winter, little kids and curfews

Future Plans: Go to college, go into cosmetology, then start a tattoo shop and a salon

Other Awards/ Achievements: Most Improved Award for Band, certificates for Band and Drama Club

Thomas Garcia Jr.
Tommy

Activities: Football 1-3; Baseball 2 Wrestling 1,4; Spanish 2; Sectionals Court 4
Likes: Pasta, steak, pizza, honest people and nice/friendly people
Dislikes: White Castle sliders, anything with onions or tomatoes, fake people, dishonest people
Future Plans: Go to Vincennes and become a firefighter

Victor Hugo Garcia
Muffin Head, Schmictor

Activities: Golf 2; Spanish Club 2; Drama Club 2-4; STANDD 4
Likes: Spider-Man, comics, doughnuts, movies, video games and my great family and friends.
Dislikes: Onions, homework, final exams, "fakes" and backstabbers.
Future Plans: Go to college and hopefully major in therapy, maybe get a job at a medical clinic, keep having fun and all that good stuff

Araceli Gomez
Chely, Chel

Activities: Basketball 2-4, Cross Country 1-4; Volleyball 1-4; Tennis 1-4, Stat Person 1; Academic Team 1-3; Booster Club 1-4; Student Council 4; Spanish 2,4, Tattler 2-4; Drama Club 1-4, German Club 3; Who's Who 1-2, Prom Princess 3; Student Ambassadors 3
Likes: Pink, Hello Kitty, sports, high heels, dancing, my family, ice cream, flautas, chocolate, working out, traveling, my class of 2011 girls, and my lunch table
Dislikes: Onions, ranch, myspace, waiting, losing, being cold, being pale, wasting time, people who are deceiving and when people touch me
Future Plans: Attend IU Bloomington, major in journalism and TV and radio broadcasting
Other Awards/Achievements: Hoosier Girls State '08, H.O.P.E., MVP in Tennis

Daniel David Green
DG, Green

Other Schools Attended: Mount Carmel 9-10
Likes: Money, friends, respect, video games, music, Chicago White Sox, Bulls, and Blackhawks, and my family
Dislikes: Tattletales, homework, Chicago Cubs
Future Plans: Get a good job and get paid

Vianey Garcia
VV

Activities: German Club 1; Drama Club 4
Likes: Drawing, music, Anime, piercings and tattoos
Dislikes: Monkeys, when people walk behind me, rude people, and the word "pip squeaks"
Future Plans: Go to an art school in Downtown Chicago
Other Awards/ Achievements: Band and Drama awards

Emily Ann Gazda
Em, Gazda Girl

Activities: Basketball 1-4, Volleyball 1-4; Managers 1-2; Stat Person 1-2; Booster Club 1-4; Student Council 1-4; Spanish CLub 1-2; Tattler 3-4; Drama Club 1-4; Sectionals Court 4, STANDD 4
Likes: Oilers, sports, summer, Taco Bell, sneezing, tanning, pick-up trucks, dancing, tall boys, 4th of July, eating, road trips, money, bonfires, green, 444, sunflowers The Ghost Rider, chapstick and being creative
Dislikes: Bad drivers, tomatoes, rumors, Clark, losing, waking up before 10 AM, screamo music, being unorganized, the juniors, Papa Smurf and wasting time
Future Plans: Attend college, then hopefully own my own business, Marry, have kids, and become a basketball coach.
Other Awards/ Achievements: 1st Team All Area '08 & '09 in Basketball, Volleyball and Basketball Captain '08-'09, Booster Club President '08-'09

Veronica Gomez
Lil' V

Activities: Basketball 2; Volleyball 1-4; Spanish Club 2,4
Likes: Hanging out with friends, playing volleyball, the color blue, Nikes, Disney, family, church, music, the movie "Love & Basketball"
Dislikes: Drama, liars, the color pink and reading
Future Plans: Go to college, major in radiology and graduate
Other Awards/ Achievements: Scholastic All-Star for English 10

Evan Grabowski
Evan Baxter

Other Schools Attended: Bishop Noll 1-2
Activities: Wrestling 2; Spanish Club 3-4
Likes: Video games, hanging out with friends, bonfires and working out
Dislikes: People that don't listen, and doing repetitive things
Future Plans: Go to Purdue Cal for a year and then transfer out to Lafayette for aeronautical engineering

"...you can achieve it;"

Seniors

Christabel Gutierrez

Activities: Baseball 1; Cross Country 1-4; Tennis 3; Academic Team 1-4; Booster Club 1-2,4; Tattler 2-4; Drama Club 1-4; German Club 1,3; Homecoming Queen 4; STANDD 4
Likes: Family, friends, traveling, running, meeting new people, eating, staying in and watching a movie on a rainy day, getting all fancied-up, dancing, music, smiling and just being happy
Dislikes: Being late, arguments, being with droopy people and people touching my nose
Future Plans: Attend ISU and double major Study abroad and find the perfect career for me.
Other Awards/Achievements: H.O.P.E. Delegate; MVP Cross Country 1-4; President of Drama Club and German Club

Emily Henricy
Em, Emma

Activities: Softball 3-4; Spanish Club 2
Likes: My lunch table talks, hanging out with friends, playing softball, working, going shopping, music, taking pictures, going to the movies, animals and tiger print
Dislikes: People chewing with their mouth full, cold weather, conceited people, compulsive liars and THE WHALE
Future Plans: Go to a four-year college and start a family

Olivia Bridget Jakovich
Liv, Livy

Activities: Spanish Club 2,4; Drama Club 1-3; STANDD 4; Choir 2-4
Likes: Family, Miss Guaccio, Ms. Hylek, my senior lunch table, Old Country Buffet with Murph and Liz Ayon, summer, fall, baseball and playing tennis/volleyball in the summer
Dislikes: Math, waking up early, winter and Boston Red Sox.
Future Plans: Go to a four-year college and major in biology, then attend medical school and study to become a doctor.

Alexis Ann Jakubowski
Lexi

Activities: Science Olympiad 1-2; Spanish Club 1-4, Reflector 4; Drama Club 4; STANDD 4
Likes: Being a Christian, family, friends, drawing, cooking, Christmas, Chicago, Target, coffee, Aurelio's pizza, root beer, carnivals, Disney, old Nickelodeon shows, "Wicked," the 1950s, rock and country music, weddings, polar bears, Chinese dragons, vampires, stars and hearts
Dislikes: Rudeness, drama, waking up early, humidity, spit, peas, soap operas, two-faced people, ignorance, mosquitoes, awkward silences, public restrooms, holding grudges and the "Twilight" series
Future Plans: Go to SCAD for 4-5 years and graduate with a major in animation
Other Awards/Achievements: Hoosier Girl State Delegate, and Center Bank Art Show participant

Justin John Joseph Jansky

Activities: Reflector 4
Likes: Samantha and Sarah Perez, Kelsee Boland, Florida Gators, Haleigh's amazing laugh, work out supplements, driving, the Europe trip, Danc Cook, sleeping, working out, "Family Guy," conversations in ceramics, B&E's and Marilyn Monroe
Dislikes: Plane rides, going over 30 hours without sleep, school, waking up early and homework
Future Plans: Join the U.S. Army and hopefully become an Army Ranger
Other Awards/ Achievements: Graduating!

Julia Kempke
Munchkin, Small-Fry

Other Schools Activities: Nicholas Senn
Activities: Mat Maid 1; Booster Club 3-4; Spanish Club 2,4; Drama Club 2-4, Who's Who 4; Sectionals Court 3; STANDD 4
Likes: English, reading, talking, dancing, hanging out with friends, parties, fries, my teachers, the office ladies and school
Dislikes: Homework, school lunch, backstabbers, bullies, drama and rude people
Future Plans: Attend Calumet College to major in human services and become a social worker.
Other Awards/Achievements: Top Reader for 3 years; Secretary of STANDD '09

Stacy Eirene Kompier
Staciers

Activities: Booster Club 4; Spanish Club 1-2; Drama Club 4; STANDD 4
Likes: Shoes, my kindergarten class, Ms. Buck, my family, my friends, the senior lunch table (plus Tommy and Anthony), kitties, ponies, food, musicals, Target and my soldier
Dislikes: Dairy products, people dressed in WWII uniforms, orange juice, ignorant people, fake people and real gingers
Future Plans: Go to college to major in early childhood development, then work at a day care center, and get married and all that jazz...

Erin Colleen Lawson
Blondie, Jessica

Activities: Academic Team 3; Booster Club 3-4; Drama Club 4; German Club 1,3; Band 1-4
Likes: Band, music, my lunch table conversations, my friends, pink, reading, driving, AIM, hot days, the beach, dancing in the rain, summer, working, taking naps and inside jokes
Dislikes: Homework, fake people, mean people, stop lights, the cold and split ends.
Future Plans: Go to college to become a nurse, move to Florida and have the perfect life I have always wanted

lejandro Anthony Leddesma
Jandro, Simone

Activities: Basketball [illegible] Cross Country 3-4, Football 1-4; Wrestling 1-2,4; Manager 1, Academic Team 4, Booster Club 1-2,4; Student Council 3-4, Spanish Club 2,4; Drama Club 1; Homecoming King 4; STANDD 4

Likes: All kinds of sports, reading, hanging out with friends, Xtreme fans at basketball games, sleeping, watching movies, listening to all kinds of music, B-Dubs, working out and girls

Dislikes: Waiting, being angry, homework, people with no personality and dirty socks

Future Plans: Go to college and serve in the U S Army National Guard and be successful

Other Awards/ Achievements: Most Improved in Football, All Conference for Wrestling

Alexis Nicole Luna
Luna Moona, Luna

Activities: Volleyball 1-2; Booster Club 4; Spanish Club 4; Drama Club 1-4; German Club 3; Homecoming Court 4, STANDD 4; Choir 2-4

Likes: FLUR, hair products, cats, my red lunch table, my teachers, kids, 85 Degrees, God, summer, turtles, my mom and brother, mysterious midnight rides, sleepovers, coffee, techno, moshing, being myself, all of my friends and Hello Kitty

Dislikes: The Jonas Brothers, mean girls, conceit, immaturity taken to the 115th level, filth, back-stabbers, jerks, disrespect, ultra-super gossips, fake people and injustice

Future Plans: Go to Purdue Calumet for 2 years, IUNW for 1 year, marry and have a family

Other Awards/ Achievements: Establishing a Power Ranger Club, State for ISSMA, being Augustus Gloop

Emily Ann Matulewicz
M

Activities: Basketball 1-2, Manager 3-4; Academic Team 4; Booster Club 4; Spanish Club 2,4; Reflector 3; NHS 3-4; Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4; STANDD 4

Likes: Target, BL adventures, orange pants, Bob, fishing, "Grey's Anatomy," "Brothers and Sisters," sleeping, my besties, coloring, "Finding Nemo," The Spill Canvas, Andrew Lowe (just because), lifeguards at the mariana and Rock Band

Dislikes: Headaches, peanut butter, bars, annoying boaters at the mariana, nickels, calculus, walking to lunch with Murph and waking up early

Future Plans: Attend University of Indianapolis and major in elementary education, get married, go back to Fiji, have kids and live happily ever after.

Other Awards/ Achievements: Perfect Attendance 1-3

Charles Fredrick Meyers III
Chuck

Activities: Basketball 3-4; Football 1-4; Baseball 2-4; Science Olympiad 4, Spanish Club 4

Likes: Fishing, sports, women, clubbing and chillin' with my homies

Dislikes: Waking up early, Mondays and ignorant people

Future Plans: Go to college, play college baseball, get married and have children

Other Awards/ Achievements: All Conference Pitcher in Baseball, medalist in SciOly and All-Conference in Football

Gabriela Lopez

Activities: Volleyball 1-[illegible], Booster Club 1-4, Student Council 1-4; Spanish Club 2,4, Reflector 4; STANDD 4

Likes: Dancing, pre-cal circle, bracelets, shoes, being super Mexican, Europe, shopping, friends, family, secret class partners, movies, memories, tanning, texting, getting off topic in class, English 10, band shows, kids, my nephews and talking

Dislikes: Scary movies, the Jonas Brothers, juniors & freshmen, geometry, the dress code, racism and drama

Future Plans: Attend Purdue Calumet, teach ballroom dancing at Arthur Murray's Dance Studio and compete professionally with my partner, Matt

Other Awards/Achievements: Top Junior in Arthur Murray's competition

Daniel Adrian Macon
Chedda' D, D-Mack

Activities: Basketball 1-4; Football 1-4, Baseball 1-4; Booster Club 1-2, Student Council 1-2,3; Homecoming Court 1

Likes: Sports, Friday night football games, Chicago White Sox, Florida Gators, White Castles, Armes, trucks, texting, poker, Xbox, weightlifting, winning and having fun.

Dislikes: Liars, jealous people, Triton, Clark, Wheeler, chemistry, slow drivers, running suicides, listening to lectures and losing

Future Plans: Go to college to play baseball or football. Major in education to become a coach.

Other Awards/Achievements: 1A All-State QB Team MVP; All-Area Honorable Mention in Basketball; First Sectional & Regional Champs in Baseball; beating Coach Milenkoff one-on-one

Other Schools Attended: Curne Metro High School 1/2 freshman year

Activities: Volleyball 2; Tennis 2; Cheerleading 1; Academic Team 4; Science Olympiad 4; Booster Club 4; Spanish Club 2,4; Tattler/ Reflector 4; Sectionals Court 4; STANDD 4

Likes: Dancing, fashion, science, summer, the number 21, volleyball, Starbucks, Chinese food, friends, pink, laughing, astrology, music and Starburst candy

Dislikes: Being called Maria, waiting in line, mosquitoes, being sick, waking up early and rushing

Future Plans: Go to Purdue to study medical science to become a surgical assistant

Other Award/Achievements: Science Olympiad medals, Academic Team ribbons

Maira Natividad Medina

Theresa Victoria Miller
Tess

Activities: Booster Club 2-4; Spanish Club 2,4

Likes: Reading, hanging out with the crew, bike riding, frisbee, Bad Girls Club, movies, the beach, inside jokes, the Perez twins, texting, weekends, music, driving, Steak & Shake, shopping, motorcycles, ceramics, Rockband, vacations, camping, roller coasters, sledding, ice skating, monsters, swimming, tanning, my true love Heather Stupek, Erica Sittunic's incredible stylings and sunny days

Dislikes: Liars, cheaters, annoying laughs, spiders, humidity, cold weather, purple, racists, being limbered, chemistry, painting, blueberries, drama, hospitals, jawbreakers, and cleaning.

Future Plans: Attend Purdue North Central with the twins, become an elementary school teacher, get married and be successful

" If you can dream it... "

Seniors

Christopher David William Moynihan Douglas

Activities: Basketball 1-4; Cross Country 1,4; Baseball 3; German Club 1-3; Sectionals 1

Likes: Cubs, Bears, Bulls, Call of Duty, doing work, playing sports, smashin' KFC and hike rides

Dislikes: Papa Smurf, Thea Bowman, and junior year season of baseball

Future Plans: Become the president

Other Awards/ Achievements: Dorito King

Ricardo Munoz Richie

Activities: Basketball 1-2, Football 2-4; Spanish Club 2,4; Drama Club 3; NHS 3-4, Top Ten 1-4

Likes: My car, sports, lifting, long walks on the beach, my friends, IU Bloomington, listening to music, Will Smith movies, hanging with the '08 Class, cartoons, Pudge and Mariah Carey

Dislikes: Pants, liars, slow drivers, ignorant people, reading, the winter, fake people, hardcore dancers, being sick, Purdue and the Jonas Brothers

Future Plans: Go to Kelley School of Business and graduate, Move somewhere nice for my job

Other Awards/ Achievements: 1st Team Academic All-Conference Football; Boys State Delegate; H.O.P.E. Representative; NHS Co-president

Kaitlyn Michele Muratori Murph, Murphy-Poo

Activities: Volleyball 1-2; Drama Club 1,4; German Club 1,3; Band 1-4

Likes: Video games (Guitar Hero and GTA), reading, writing, sleeping, music, Dairy Queen, more video games, baking, and Evan's mom (She's super nice!)

Dislikes: Bacon, getting up early, loud places, answering the phone, screamo music, "Urban Contemporary," slang and shopping.

Future Plans: Attend IU Bloomington for biology and go on to attend medical school for psychiatry

Julian Nevarez Ju Ju

Activities: Wrestling 4; Spanish Club 4; Drama Club 2-3; Sectionals Court 3

Likes: Cream of potato soup from lunch, boxing, wrestling, lifting, Mr. Romero's class and mosh pits at the dances

Dislikes: Stippling, read-up and "Hamlet"

Future Plans: Go off to college and get a degree in nursing. Get married to my wifey (Julia) and have a lot of kids

Jessica Marie Nieto Jess

Activities: Academic Team 4; Science Olympiad 2; Booster Club 1-4; Spanish Club 2; Drama Club 1; STANDD 4

Likes: Mara Medina, big cities, the number 8, lime green, dancing in the rain, Erin Lawson, shopping, learning new things, reading, driving and road trips

Dislikes: Mean people, the ocean, small towns (except Whiting), liars, the dark, clowns and red lights

Future Plans: Attend Ball State University, major in international business and finance and then move to L.A.

Samantha Michelle Perez Sammi, Sippo

Activities: Booster Club 1-4; Spanish Club 2-4; STANDD 4

Likes: Hanging with friends, sleepovers at Sandra's, reading, Super Fans, listening to music, concerts, summertime, my sisters and dancing with Naynay to "All Time Low"

Dislikes: Liars, stupid drivers, movies that aren't funny, bugs, spit, spinach, pessimists and break-ups with Naynay on Facebook

Future Plans: Attend Purdue North Central, move to Boston, and start my own private practice for abused and troubled children.

Other Awards/Achievements: Getting an A in chemistry, Vice President of STANDD.

Sarah Maragaret Perez Twippo

Activities: Manager 3; Boosier Club 1-4; Spanish Club 2,4, Drama Club 1; Sectionals Queen 4; STANDD 4

Likes: Winter, friends, honest people, optimists, funny people, music, "Grey's Anatomy," sleeping, movies, sleepovers at Sandra's, superfainting, reading, riding my bike, summer, weekends, concerts, bright colors, fishing, Target, my sisters!, long car rides, dancing, making new frends and Australian accents

Dislikes: Fake people, backstabbers, headaches, liars, hard decisions, spit, annoying people, coconut, stupid drivers, stupid movies, math, spinach, drama, humidity, centipedes, pessimists and scary movies.

Future Plans: Attend PNC, major in nursing and teaching, get a good job and get married

Taylor Christian Pokraka T-Po

Activities: Basketball 1-4, Football 1-4; Baseball 1-4; Science Olympiad 1-4; Booster Club 1-2,4; Student Council 2,4, Spanish Club 2,4; Reflector/Tattler 4, Drama Club 2-4; NHS 3-4, Top Ten 3; Sectionals King 4; Student Ambassadors 3-4; Homecoming Court 3

Likes: Sports, hanging out with friends, going to the movies, White Sox, Notre Dame, my Cobalt, making scary faces, food and summer

Dislikes: Physics, research papers, Mondays, short weekends, calculus and reading

Future Plans: Go to college, get married, have children, live somewhere warm.

Other Awards/Achievements: 1st Team All-Conference and Hon. Mention Football; 2nd Team All-Conference Baseball; Hon. Mention Basketball

Juanita Ramirez
Nita, Lucy Lu

Other School Attended: Washington High School 9th-10th
Activities: Basketball 1; Booster Club 4; Spanish Club 4; Drama Club 4; STANDD 4
Likes: Hang out with friends, play video games, cheesecake, cream of potato and cream of broccoli soup, chicken enchilada soup and ranch Doritos
Dislikes: Rude people, fake people, "Family Guy" and tres leches cake
Future Plans: Attend Kaplan College for medical assistant

Daniel Reyes
Gippo

Activities: Student Council 3, Spanish Club 2,4; Reflector 4; Drama Club 4; Prom Prince 3; STANDD 4; Choir 4
Likes: Hair, make-up, pumps, colors, boys, clothes, money, sleepovers, "Project Runway," Shear Genius, Target, Borders, my family and my friends
Dislikes: Fake people, slow walkers, ignorance, staring, and homophobics
Future Plans: Become the best hair stylist and runway-fashionista, make good money, live in a beautiful home and have an amazing life

Elizabeth Lauren Rodriquez
Liz

Activities: Volleyball 2; Booster Club 1-4, Spanish Club 2,4; Drama Club 1-4; Band 1-4
Likes: My job, my family, the Class of '09, all the loud and outrageous conversations at my lunch table, "Da" band and my friends
Dislikes: Gossip, rude people, not knowing what's going on, people who think they are better than others
Future Plans: Attend Purdue North Central, and get my master's in biology
Other Awards/ Achievements: Results not Excuses for Band.

Eduardo Romero
Eddie

Activities: Band 4
Likes: Dogs (pitbulls), money, boxing and hanging out with friends
Dislikes: Rumors, waking up early and people who talk too much
Future Plans: Go to Lincoln Tech and get my associate's degree and start working in electronics

Michael Raymon Salazar
Glider, Mikey

Other Schools Attended: Saint Lawrence Seminary 9th-10th
Likes: Cooking, drawing, playing video games, Muay Thai kickboxing, going to Torres Martial Arts, ceramics class, sleeping, the "Marvelous Misadventures of Flapjack," Shin Chan, sushi, the bands Sublime, Foxy Shazam, and One Day as a Lion
Dislikes: Onions, mushrooms, cold days without snow, Tyler Perry movies, Tyler Perry sitcoms and Tyler Perry himself
Future Plans: Go to school, become a fashion designer, have some fun and start a family (maybe)

Phillip Schillaci
Philly Willy, Big Philston

Activities: Baseball 2; Science Olympiad 1-4; Spanish Club 2,4; Drama Club 2,4; NHS 3-4; Homecoming Court 2
Likes: My friends, hunting, fishing, Chicago Bears and White Sox, B-Dubs, movie nights, relaxing, summer, making money, sleeping, driving around aimlessly, listening to music, talking on AIM, the computer, talking on the phone, going out for ice cream and texting
Dislikes: When others are upset, waking up early, being bored, typical Whiting plans that always change or fall through, arguing, rumors, people who smell bad, losing, the Indianapolis Colts and extremely cocky people
Future Plans: Attend Purdue University and major in electrical engineering

Sandra Silva
Sandy Pants, Sandia

Other Schools Attended: Harding High 9th
Activities: Cheerleading 2-3; Academic Team 2-4, Student Council 2; Spanish Club 2,4; Drama Club 1-4; Top Ten 4
Likes: Friends, Ms. Hylek, food, texting, going out, Mr. Pecher, choir, sleepovers!, my awesome senior lunch table, techno, dancing, talking, laughing, my hero Anna Banana, autumn, movies, "A Walk to Remember," lime girl, hot pink, getting my nails done, shopping and pictures
Dislikes: Physics, mean people, the smell of Whiting, show-offs, jerks and liars
Future Plans: Go to college, get married, and have a great life
Other Awards/ Achievements: State for ISSMA, being the "Cute Editor" for Reflector

Christine Marie Slivka
Chrissie

Activities: Academic Team 2-4; Student Council 2,4; Who's Who 1-2
Likes: Hanging out with friends, my laptop, spending time with family, bowling, NASCAR, "Twilight" series, reading books, watching movies, swimming, dancing, writing stories, visiting new places and the White Sox
Future Plans: Go to college, major in both performing arts and writing, then become either an actress or an author
Other Awards/Achievements: ISSMA Gold Medalist, senior year

"...you can become it."
-William A. Word

Seniors

Brittany Joy Stoklosa

Activities: Spanish Club 2,4; NHS 3-4;
Likes: University of Southern California, football, music, pierogis, ceramics with Erin, "The Dark Knight," "One Knight with the King," my lunch table, tattoos, "Twilight" series, Erin Lawson, Liz Rodriquez, Luke and Matt Goss, and "Prince Caspian"
Dislikes: Math, science, chores, copycats, stupidity in the face of obvious reason, cheating, ignorance, popularity and double standards
Future Plans: Go to college, study hospitality and tourism management and work at the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas

Maegan Josephine Stribiak

Activities: Cross Country 1, 3-4; Tennis 2-4, Mat Maid 2-4, Academs: Team 2-4; Science Olympiad 1-2; Booster Club 1-3; Spanish Club 2,4; Tattler 2-3, Drama Club 1-4; Kiwanis Top Ten 3-4
Likes: Reading, running, rollerblading, working out, tattoos and piercing, the smell of outside, my blanket strawberry, sleeping in, organic green tea, Europe, astronomy, The Dear Hunter, sushi
Dislikes: Waking up early, licorice, improper speech, cake (except funfetti), being cold, the integration sensation and the derivative dude
Future Plans: Attend Purdue University Lafayette to study aerospace engineering, and eventually get into NASA and go off to explore space
Other Awards/Achievements: Regional qualifier for cross country freshman, junior and senior year

Haleigh Christine Suarez
Anya, Violet Hawk

Activities: Basketball 1,3; Volleyball 1-4; Manager 1-3, Stat Person 1-3; Science Olympiad 1; Booster Club 1-2; Student Council 1-2; Spanish Club 2,4; Tattler 2-4; Drama Club 1-4, NHS 3-4; Who's Who 1-4; Kiwanis Top Ten 1-4; Homecoming Court 3; MYAC 3-4; Choir 1-2,4
Likes: My BFF's, family, music, singing, dancing, photography, laughing, coloring, Europe, Mexico, making movies w/ friends, sleepovers, being hyper, inside jokes, unicorns, robots and werewolves
Dislikes: Ignorance, the cold, impatience, fighting, Nicholas Cage, clowns, math, dress code, racism
Future Plans: Go to Purdue Lafayette and major in nursing
Other Awards/Achievements: Class President-3 years; Girls State Delegate, Spanish Club VP 2,4

Joshua Lee Thompson
Josh

Activities: Basketball 1; Golf 4; Science Olympiad 2-4; Drama Club 4; German Club 3; Sectionals Court 4
Likes: Everything I don't dislike, and Aldo
Dislikes: Mean people, fake people and homework!!
Future Plans: Go to college to be a zoologist or a historian
Other Awards/ Achievements: State Champion Science Olympiad Robot Builder

Michael David Unate
Jackhammer

Activities: Baseball 1-4; Spanish Club 2; NHS 3-4; Who's Who 2; Homecoming Court 4
Likes: My friends, summer, my family, baseball, B-Dubs, White Sox, video games, driving around, making new friends, music and making money.
Dislikes: Obnoxious people, getting pulled over, cold weather, science, when friends are sad, losing and waking up early
Future Plans: Attend Purdue Calumet and get a good job to buy a Corvette
Other Awards/ Achievements: Boys State Delegate

Ryan Willoughby
Wildebeast

Activities: Basketball 1; Football 2-4; Baseball 1-4; Science Olympiad 2-4; Spanish Club 2,4; NHS 3-4; Homecoming Court 4
Likes: Sports, music, chillaxin', Pudge, and porch parties
Dislikes: Physics, reading, lazy people who complain, and ignorant people.
Future Plans: Go to Purdue to become an engineer
Other Awards/ Achievements: Michael Ramirez Scholarship

Courtney Winkleman
NayNay, Skippo

Activities: Tennis 1-4, Booster Club 1-4; Spanish Club 1-4; STANDD 4
Likes: Summer, weekends, music, sports, outdoors, randomly breaking out in dance/song, flip-flops, inside jokes, originality, smiles, hugs from random people, concerts, stars, the beach, BMX, Rock Band, camping, food and Purdue
Dislikes: Staying inside, last-minute decisions, disrespect, being hungry, when places close right before you're about to go to them, waking up early, being lazy, storms, my bad memory and hard decisions
Future Plans: Attend Purdue Lafayette to major in advertising and marry a hottie with a body who is quite the fella-ella-ella-ay-ay
Other Awards/Achievements: STANDD

Caitlin Sara Wrzalinski
Caboose

Activities: Basketball 1-3; Manager 1; Science Olympiad 1; Booster Club 1-4; Student Council 2-4; Reflector 3-4; Drama Club 4; Homecoming Court 2; Prom Queen 4; STANDD 4
Likes: Hanging out with my friends and family, making crazy videos with Ada, baking, fishing, Brown County, Florida, rollerblading, shopping, the CO 09, and spending time with speedracer!
Dislikes: Ignorant drivers, being home alone, smelly people, people who talk on Bluetooth, Schoops, being sick and cold weather
Future Plans: Attend Indiana State University and major in nursing. Move to the O.C. with Araceli and find rich men to spend our lives with
Other Awards/ Achievements: 1st Place medal at Science Olympiad Mystery Engineering '06

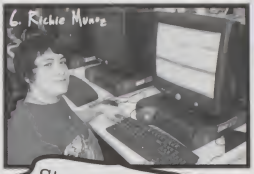
Top Ten
ways to "Go Green!"

Plant a Tree!

Reduce Your Use of Water!

Turn Off Lights When You're Not Using Them!

Recycle!



Stay Informed!

Reuse Bottles of Water!

Walk Instead of Drive!

Use Less Paper!

Don't Litter

Unplug Appliances When Not in Use!

Baby Pictures

1. "I'm always happy and smiling--very hyper and usually with Christabel."

2. "I am an all-around student. I'm a lucky person and also a goofy person.'

3. "I'm small, quick and very sarcastic. The school's 'biggest flirt.'"

4."I'm short and quiet. I work hard and I'm always with the crew."

5."I'm shy when I meet new people, but once I get to know you, I talk a lot."

6. "I am top reader; I love to talk; I am a clown; I have hazel eyes."

7. "My hair is still the same and I am still a gimp."

8. "I love Hello Kitty, the color pink and I play four sports."

9."I'm quiet until I get to know you. My dream is to work for Disney."

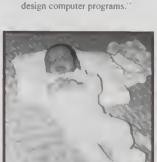
10. "I'm athletic and very good looking. I have a HUGE ego."

11. "I love to draw; my dream is to design computer programs."

12."Cheesy, bubbly and very affectionate."

13. "I ALWAYS wear a black or green hat everywhere I go."

14. "I am a comic book fanatic who loves video games and the Cubs."



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16."Bubbly Griller's waitress and Ms. Hylek's BFF forever."

1. Haleigh Suarez 2. Taylor Pokrana 3. Alejandro Ledesma 4. Veronica Gomez 5. Emily Matthewicz 6. Julia Kempke 7. Alexis Luna 8. Araceli Gomez 9. Alexia Jakubowski 10. Daniel Macon 11. Bennett Frederick 12. Christabel Gutierrez 13. Olivia Jakovich 14. Victor Garcia 15. Eduardo Gallaviz 16. Anna Cervantes

17. "My favorite color is green. I represent the city of Hobart."

18."I'm loud, but quiet. I'm crazy, but down-to-earth. I am creative.

19.

20. I'm Ms. Hylek's BFF; the proud inventor of the million dollar face."

21."Words to identify me include blonde, my cell phone and softball."

22. "I have wide receiver hands and alien fingers."

23. I'm pretty friendly. My name is short, yet it's always mispronounced."

24. "Studying the brain in my special corner."

25."Haha! The song 'Honky Tonk Badonkadonk' was written for me."

26. "I'm a tall guy with a big head."

27. "I'm 5'11, hairy and a monster."

28."Outgoing, one-of-a-kind and hard working."

29."Transfer student, shy and caring."

30. "I'm always driving in the red PT. I'm also known as JackHammer."

31. "I open up the deli when people want ace sandwiches."

32. "Caboose."

The Trick Is Growing Up Without Growing Old...

17. Daniel Fiehler 18.Robert Anderson 19. Melanie Colon 20. Kelsey Boland 21. Melissa Dunczeik 22. Ryan Willoughby 23. Maria Medina 24. Emily Dahn 25. Theresa Miller 26. Joshua Thompson 27. Julian Navarez 28. Juanita Ramirez 29. Jaclyn Burgess 30. Michael Lunte 31. Andrew Delesus 32. Caitlin Wrzalinski

33.

34. "I'm friendly and nice; I also wear glasses."

35. "I play sports and I am very argumentative."

36. "I'm usually quiet and mostly nice."

37."I'm short and had an afro."

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40. "I'm a very outgoing person with tons of Oiler Pride."

41. "The ginger whose mom's got it going on."

42. "I like to draw urban art and I am quiet."

43. "Caring, nice and full of life."

44. "I'm always laughing and hugging random people."

45. "I like wearing headbands. I think Joey Bondi is the cutest freshman."

46. "I had a major turnaround at ISSMA."

47.

48. "I'm pretty random and have been called 'outrageous' more than once."

Growing Old Is Mandatory; Growing Up Is Optional..

1. Vinney Garcia 34. Jessica Flores 35. Charles Meyers 36. Jessica Nieto 37. Thomas Garcia 38. Brittany Siokloa 39. Ricardo Munoz 40. Emily Gazda 41. Stacy Kompier 42. Edward Calderon 43. Zocria Dayi 44. Samantha Perez 45. Kalie Bajda 46. Christine Silvia 47. Eduardo Romero 48. Megan Sinkiak

Baby Pictures

49. "I love purple and I have glitter running through my veins."

50. "I make fun of myself and I tend to love to have fun."

51. "I have a unique laugh, I'm nerdy, and dorky is the way to go."

52. Right, "The next Kat Von D."

53. "I love to draw and my dream is to design computer programs."

54. "An all-around student who was the 5th lucky golden ticket winner."

55.

56. "Lazy, underachieving and laid-back."

57. "I love playing softball, walking on the beach and being outside."

58. "I am very good at running my electric car for Science Olympiad."

59. "Always laughing, smiling and goofing around in the hallways."

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61. "I am mega super blonde and have blonde moments all the time."

61. "I'm a four-sport athlete whose hair is like a lion's mane."

62. I'm quiet, and not well known. I like to go to Torres Martial Arts.

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gym. '49, Daniel Reyes 50, Courtney Winkleman 51, Elizabeth Ayon 52, Evelyn Garcia 53, Berenice Fraustro 54, Katherine Bajzat 55, Ashley Bailey 56, Justin Ansley 57, Emily Henney 58, Philip Schillaci 59, Sarah Perez 60, Erin Lawson 61, Sandra Silva 62, Adrianna Cruz 62, Michael Salazar 63, Mystery Baby.

Ideal Seniors

Laziest
Katie Bajda and Justin Jansky
Staying awake is a task.

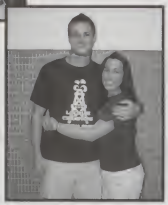
Most Creative
Alexis Jakubowski and Edward Calderon
Masters of their art

Best Eyes
Haleigh Suarez and Taylor Pokraka
Jeepers Creepers,
where'd ya get those peepers?

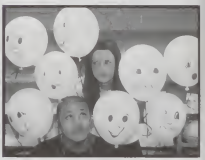
Most Down-to-Earth
Eddie Galaviz,
Katie Bajda and
Phil Schillaci
License to chill

Most Likely to be Late for Graduation
Chuck Meyers and Gaby Lopez
Always losing track of time

Most Changed
Chuck Meyers
and Caitlin
Wrzalinski
A double take is
necessary to
recognize these
two.



Class Clown
Katie Muratori and Julian
Nevarez
Always caught clownin'
around.



Biggest Airhead
Tommy Garcia and Katie Bajda
They fit right in.

Most Talkative
Liz Rodriguez
and Richie
Munoz
Never at a loss
for words

Quietest
Michael Salazar
and Alexis
Jakubowski
"Shh...Can you
hear me now?"

All-Around Student
Taylor
Pokraka and
Katie Bajzatt
They're
good... at
just about
everything.

Most School Spirited
Emily Gazda and Michael Unate
We've got spirit, yes we do! We've got spirit, how 'bout you?

Most Outgoing
Christabel Gutierrez and Danny Reyes
Breaking through the barrier

Biggest Ego
Daniel Macon and Emily Gazda
We're not cocky, just confident!

Biggest Flirt
Samm Perez and Alex Leddesma
We're not flirts, just affectionate!

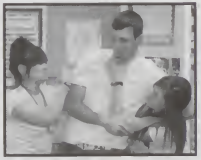
Most Argumentative
Alexis Luna, Chuck Meyers and Kelsee Boland
Always have the last word

Best Personality
Phil Schillaci and Anna Cervantes
Hearts of gold

Most Athletic
Daniel Macon and Mel Dumezich
"Hey now, you're an all-star"

Most Sarcastic
Chris Moynihan and Katie Muratori
"We're not *mean*, just sarcastic."

Most Likely to Succeed
Danny Atteberry and Katie Bajzatt
To them, green is more than just a school color.



Most Competitive
Daniel Macon and Mel Dumezich
Anything you can do, I can do better.

Best Smile
Christabel Gutierrez and Eddie Galaviz
"Let me see your grill!"

Most Dramatic
Emily Gazda and Danny Reyes
Causing a scene is a must!

Worst Driver
Maegan Stribiak and Ryan Willoughby
The Fast and the Dangerous

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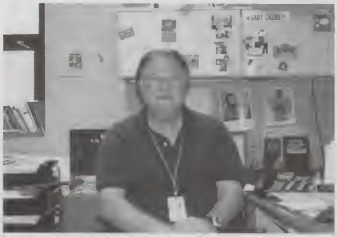

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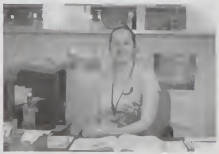

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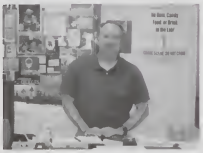

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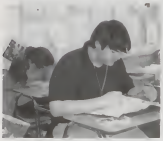

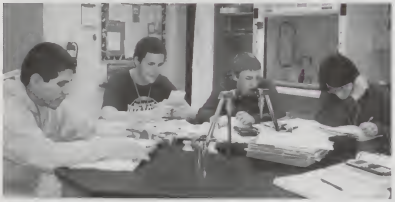

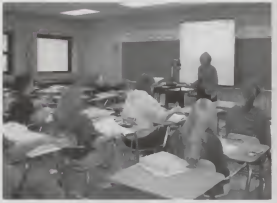

Art/Ceramics

Left, Sophomores Matt Aponte and Bobby Gonzalez decorate the arch for Christmas Around the World.
Right, Junior Kim Atteberry is glazing her sculpture of Rudolph.

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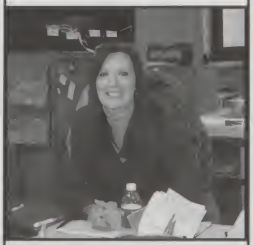


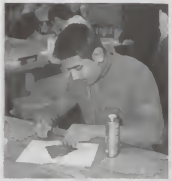
Ms. Rena Mindas

Subject: Visual Arts

Years at School: 20

"I have really enjoyed each one of my classes this year. The students have shown a wonderful sense of creativity and I have had a lot of fun watching them grow artistically. It truly has been a great year!"

Left, Junior Manny Galindo is working on his doughnut sculpture. Galindo always had sense of humor about his unique creations.
Right, Junior Enrique Silva is diligently working on his project.



Right, Junior Nicole Visinaiz is taking a few words of advice from Ms. Mindas. Visinaiz used a vase to help mold the foundation to her food sculpture.

Left, Katherine Staley and Monica Kazmierski, juniors, experiment with their color wheels. The objective of this project was to use the primary colors to achieve all other color combinations.

Left, Shanda Crowe, sophomore, patiently waits as Ms. Mindas looks at her holiday card project.
Right, Matt Keown, junior, loads the kiln as he advises, "Don't do this at home kids; I'm a trained professional." Ms. Mindas chose him as the "kiln loader" of the day.

Band/Choir

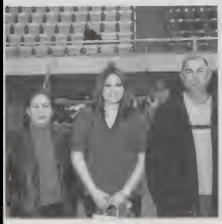
Left, The WHS/WMS Band marches down the block near the end of the Homecoming Parade. Right, Band members lead everyone in the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" at one of the boys basketball games.

Left, Senior Evelyn Garcia teaches an elementary student how to play the drums during the band's visit to Nathan Hale Elementary School. Right, The band waits patiently for the Homecoming Parade to begin.

Random CANDIDS

Left, ISSMA medalists: Seniors Alexis Luna and Katie Bajzatt, junior Sarah Watkins, senior Sandra Silva, sophomore Rachel Grunhard, and senior Christine Slivka.

Below, Senior Elizabeth Ayon, a member of the Whiting High School Band and Choir, stands in recognition with her parents on Senior Night.



Above, Mr. Pecher plays various notes on piano as the choir hums along. This exercise helps prepare students prior to the actual singing.

Right, Senior Sandra Silva rehearses a song for the upcoming ISSMA competition.

English

Left, Seniors Richie Munoz, Taylor Pokraka and Ryan Willoughby teach the class grammar in Honors English 12. Right, Mr. Moynihan explains the excerpt to freshman Steven Taylor.

Q and A

What is your favorite part of English class?

"My favorite part of junior English is that Miss Guaccio is an awesome teacher!"

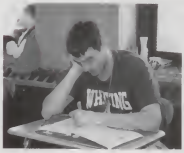
junior Sarah Wheeler

"When Ms. Flaris moved me closer to my best friend Evelyn. She is gorgeous and I love to see her face everyday in 4th hour."

senior Gaby Lopez

Left, Sophomore Ernie Sanchez impersonates rapper T-Pain for his commercial in speech class. Right, Senior Vianey Garcia looks over her research paper to make sure everything is correct.

Right, The freshman English class reads over the directions in their grammar workbook so they could get started on their next assignment.



Left, Senior Chuck Meyers tries to complete his English workbook pages so that he could use class time to work on his research paper on child abuse.

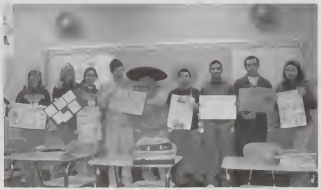
Left, Freshmen read a story which they will take a quiz over in Mr. Moynihan's class.

Right, Sophomore Gabrielle Sparano presents her collage for what she is thankful for in Honors English 10.

Foreign Language

Left, Freshman Rachel Dabertin takes a picture to prove that she had "made the wall," as Mrs. Klochan would say, in Spanish I. Right, Junior Juan Cervantes studies for a before a test in German III.

Left, Senior Adi Cruz pretends to keep busy during her presentation in Spanish IV. Right, Senior Kaitlyn Muratori creates a backdrop on the bulletin board so that German III and IV classes could decorate the classroom for Christmas.



Left, The Spanish III class "Keeps It Green" while displaying their posters on how to help the environment in a variety of ways.

Right, To get practice with his speaking skills, senior Danny Reyes dramatically performs his skit in Spanish IV.

Left, Sophomores Jordan Hennessey, Luis Lazaro, and Emerik Quiroz work to complete their warm-up exercise in order to earn extra credit points in Spanish II.

Right, Mrs. Anderson explains how to say "Happy Birthday" to junior Melissa Rodriguez in German III.

Question & Answer

What is your most memorable moment in foreign language class?

"My most memorable moment is in Spanish II when Joel and I made a Christmas song entitled, "Mrs. Klochan Comes to Town.'"

sophomore Emerik Quiroz

"Every year I look forward to making huge delicious gingerbread houses with Murph, Liz and Kelsee. I especially love eating the entire time we're building it."

senior Christabel Gutierrez

Industrial Arts/Computers

Left, Senior Julian Nevarez puts the finishing touches on his 16-month calendar in communication systems. Right, Mr. Cain helps junior Juan Cervantes master the multiple paste function in communications systems.

In Brief...

Mr. Joel Romero

Subject: Industrial Arts
Years at WHS: 5

What's your favorite part about Whiting High School?

"I enjoy the fact that the school is very family-oriented. Also that the students are involved; it's like one big family."

Left, Senior Phillip Schillaci starts sanding a plaque using a 220 grit in woodshop. Right, Sophomore Brittney Lupo, concentrates on finishing her Web design assignment in computer applications.

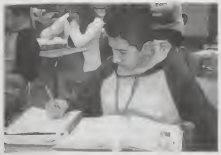
Right, Senior Michael Unate finishes his tool box quickly so he could move on to the next project. This project is one of the many assignments in the first semester.

Left, Sophomore Adam Thompson and junior Bernard Aupont keep busy while adding clip art to their projects in communications systems.

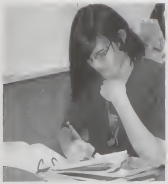
Left, Preparing for a test on Web design, sophomore Evelyn Skylas goes over study guide in computer applications.

Right, Rounding a corner on a cabinet door in wood shop, senior Adrian Torres works carefully.

Mathematics



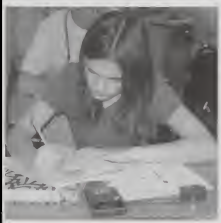
Left, Freshman Alvaro Castelan uses his time wisely and gets a head start in his math class.
Right, Students pay close attention to Mrs. Herochik as she explains the lesson on the overhead.



Left, Senior Danny Atteberry follows along while Mrs. Herochik explains the assignment.
Right, Junior Bernie Aupont devotes his full attention to Mr. Laub.

Left, Mr. Lenz gives a thorough explanation to his Algebra 1 students as they prepare to do their in-class assignment.

Right, Freshman Becca Pietrzycki does not waste any time and gets busy on the homework that has been assigned by her Algebra 1 teacher, Mr. Lenz.



Left, Freshman Kelsey Puhek finishes up her assignment before the bell rings.
Right, Students in Mrs. Herochik's class are busy taking notes for their upcoming test.

She Said

"Mr. Laub makes Algebra II simple, fun, understandable, and easy by his wonderful teaching skills. I really enjoy his class!"

junior Sarah Mureiko

He Said

"Although geometry can be difficult, Mrs. Herochik is a great teacher. She is fun and enjoyable when she teaches."

sophomore Chris Lovings

P.E./ Health

Left, Freshman Leslie Zarate starts off by doing sit-ups in the weight room during 7th hour P.E. class. Right, Sophomores Luis Lazaro and Josh Flores work towards completion of their class assignment.

Q and A

What is your favorite P.E. activity?

"My favorite P.E. activity would have to be spending time in the weight room."

Manuel Lopez

"My favorite P.E. activity would have to be being great in kickball."

Jon Dietz

Left, Freshman Steven Socolovert runs towards the ball during a game of kickball in 7th hour P.E. class. Right, Freshman Yvette Meraz concentrates on improving her dribbling skills.

Right, While students listen and take notes, Mr. Segudovic lectures the class on the serious and sometimes deadly consequences of drinking.

Left, Studying for a test, sophomore Roxena Cardoso realizes the benefits of note-taking as she finds the material she needs.

Left, Freshmen Sarah Casillas and Elizabeth Alvarez play volleyball during 4th hour gym class.
Right, Freshman Giovanni Cruz makes a layup during a basketball scrimmage game in gym. Cruz also played on the basketball team this year.

Tattler/Reflector

Left, Senior Emily Gazda reads about the different techniques of news writing. Right, Seniors Katie Bajzatt, Anna Cervantes, Kelsee Boland (top) and Haleigh Suarez (bottom) are proud to be editors of the Tattler/Reflector staffs.

Left, Looking through his Curriculum workbook, senior Taylor Pokraka learns about how to apply column guides to a layout.
Right, Senior Maira Medina decides which kind of pop-in to use for the layout she was assigned for Reflector.

Left, Senior Kelsee Boland oversees a meeting with the Reflector staff. During these meetings, questions regarding the theme and layout of the yearbook are answered.

Right, Showing her creative side, senior Alexis Jakubowski takes the time out to beautifully design the cover of the Reflector. This is Jakubowski's first year on staff.

Left, Senior Christabel Gutierrez writes down possible article ideas for the Tattler on the whiteboard.
Right, Tattler and Reflector staffs use the computers in Ms. Hylek's back room to type up their articles or work on the various layouts assigned to them.

Question & Answer

What are the pros and cons of being editor of Tattler/Reflector?

"I really enjoy being an editor because I am responsible for the overall outcome of the paper. When I see the finished product, I know that I was the one who put it together (for the most part). But, it is a really big responsibility, and I take the blame if something is not right. Fortunately, I had a lot of help from the rest of the Tattler staff this year, so it was not such a load on my shoulders."

Haleigh Suarez

"Being a Reflector editor can become very stressful at times, especially when there are tons of things that need to be done; yet the moment the whole staff gets to see the finished copy of the book, it makes all the hard work, blood, sweat and tears worth it."

Kelsee Boland

Science

Left, In 3rd hour chemistry class, Mr. Long teaches his students all about different chemicals and how they can be formed.
Right, Seniors Jessica Flores and Melanie Colon study for their chapter test.

Q and A

What was your favorite topic in science this year? Why?

"I enjoyed learning about thermo chemistry. It was interesting seeing how heat and pressure affect the elements. It's fun as long as we stay off the D block."

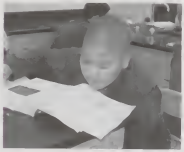
junior Ashley Thompson

"I enjoyed learning about DNA and how to match it to an individual. It was also fun laughing at Andrew Lowe when he asked if cloned cows just appeared."

junior Sarah Mureiko

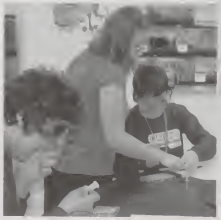
Left, Taking advantage of some study time, senior Josh Thompson and junior Aldo Lopez prepare for their final exam in physics.
Right, Elizabeth Ayon and Katie Bajda, seniors, complete a photosynthesis lab in AP Biology.

Right, In Mr. Long's AP Chemistry class, all the students gather around to visualize the pressure and temperature in the enclosed area.



Left, Nabeeh Moore, freshman, reviews his work in Mr. Weiss' Earth Science class in which he learned about all different types of rocks.

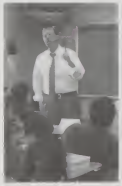
Left, Heating the chemicals by light, juniors Melissa Rodriguez and Joey Murzyn wait until the chemicals are hot enough to put in the spectrometer.
Right, Student teacher Mrs. Morando assists freshmen David Tobias and Luke Obregon with a biology lab. The students learned about acids and bases.



Social Studies

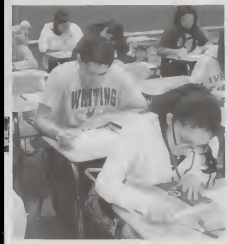
Left, Teacher Mr. Don Adkins educates his students about supply and demand in economics. Right, Preparing their study guides, freshmen put pen to paper and write down notes in geography.

Left, Freshman Amy Hegeduis presents her PowerPoint slide show on Judaism to her geography class. Right, Speaker John Wilkening lectures the economics class about the importance of a good credit score.



Left, Econ students read the lesson, while Mr. Adkins explains the material and relates it to a present-day situation in the U.S.

Right, Freshman Tatiana Aponte raises her hand to share the correct answer with her geography class.



Left, Juniors Eduardo Reyes and Vanessa Jimenez sketch World War I posters in Mr. Milenkoff's U.S. History class.
Right, Assisted by freshman Caleb Strabavy, freshman Gianna Basora presents her project on the religions and cultures of the world.

In Brief...

Salvador Salazar

Subject: U.S. History

SchoolYear: 11

"The Great Depression was my favorite topic in my U.S. History class because some of the things that happened then are happening now. It's sad how people become unemployed and homeless and cannot do anything about it."

Activities

WHITING

SENIORS

Homecoming 2008

Above, The 2008 Homecoming Court. Seated: King Alex Leddesma and Queen Christabel Gutierrez. Standing: Ryan Willoughby, Alexis Luna, Michael Unate, Katie Bajzatt, Javier Gutierrez, Monica Vera, Jen Hennessey, Josh Flores, Jazmyne Henderson and Jordan Macon.

"Keep It Green," Homecoming Week 2008, kicked-off with the Booster Club welcoming a new sponsor, Mrs. Jean Lovasko, who planned and coordinated events and did a great job. "I enjoyed working with the students to make this homecoming a successful one. It was a lot of work, but I had a lot of help. I appreciate everyone's cooperation and dedication with the homecoming festivities," Mrs Lovasko said. The week began with the decoration of the hallways and the customary dress up days. The students showed their Oiler spirit and demonstrated their eagerness to win by participating in the dress up days, hallway decoration and float decoration. The students then had their annual parade and bonfire, which showed off the hard work they put into their floats. On Friday, the student body came together dressed in green and white and full of school spirit to attend the pep rally. The football game was played against Lake Station which ended in the defeat of the Eagles. The seniors and sophomores were announced as the winners of the Spirit Stick, and this year's king and queen were Alex Leddesma and Christabel Gutierrez. "I could not believe that I won Homecoming King. Winning the title just topped off that night," said Leddesma. Gutierrez added, " Winning Homecoming Queen meant a great deal to me; it made one of my high school dreams come true." The jam-packed week ended with the highly anticipated homecoming dance. All students who attended truly had a "Night on the Town."

Left, Enjoying a dance with huge smiles are sophomores Fernando Sahagun and Lupe Cornejo.
Right, Decorating the freshman hallway, Yvette Meraz cuts and rolls plenty of tape.

Above, Senior Alex Leddesma and sophomore Matt Aponte are the center of attention as they attempt some crazy dance moves.

Below, Junior girls present their float with excitement before the beginning of the homecoming parade.

Left, King Alex Leddesma and Queen Christabel Gutierrez share a moment together at the dance.
Right, Guest appearances made by the Jonas Brothers and Hannah Montana perform for Ms. Hylek's Honors English 10 class.

"The fact that it was my first high school dance was pretty cool. I also had the best date ever." senior Andrew DeJesus

"Homecoming Week 2008 was awesome. The dance was amazing and I had a great time." senior Juanita Ramirez

"The best part of homecoming was being an attendant and riding in the parade alongside my great friend, Jazmyne."

"A Night on the Town"

Left. Students of all grades hear the beat of the DJ and let loose on the dance floor as they let the beat of the music take control.

Above, Showing their school spirit, Ms. Hylek's Student Publications class hold hands while showing off their around the world costumes.

Right, Freshman girls make some of their very first high school memories together at the bonfire.

Above, Senior girls gather together at their last high school bonfire.

Left, Junior Manny Galindo shows some unique moves during the dance.
Right, As they reminisce on past bonfires, the seniors look on to what will be a memorable moment.

Below. Sophomore attendants Jennifer Hennessey and Josh Flores proudly represent their class during the parade.

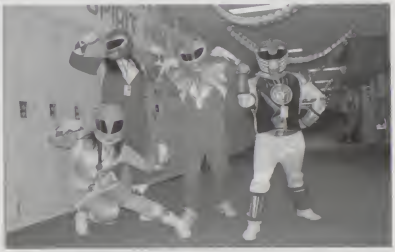
Right, Junior Erica Simunic passes the ball while teammate Joe Murzyn watches in amazement during the volleyball game at the pep assembly.

"Homecoming Week was so much fun. I enjoyed participating in spirit week, and the dance was super duper fun." freshman Anna Romero

"Homecoming Week was a great way for our class to unite and show school spirit." junior Jacob Wright

Homecoming was a lot of fun this year. The DJ was really good. I also thought the senior skit was really funny. It's sad to think that next year will be my last. junior Sarah Watkins

Spirit Week 2008: Keep It Green



Senior One-Acts

Above, Sisters Vianey and Evelyn Garcia (center) finally get to take a bow after all the hard work and dedication they had put into directing their senior one-act, "The Seven Wives of Dracula."

What do little Red Riding Hood, a kooky talk show host, Van Helsing and a quarreling couple have in common? Being part of the senior one-acts, of course! For the third year in a row, Whiting High School's Drama Club carried on the tradition of the senior one-acts. Giving them the unique opportunity of directing their own plays, the active senior drama club members dived head first into a cluster of hard work, dedication and a great bit of success. Each with their own unique story, as well as characters, the eight one-acts were performed on November 1-2. Drawing in a great crowd, the senior directors were able to finally sit back and enjoy their own shows. "I am so proud of our senior directors. I have known most of them since 6th grade and despite what they think, I will miss them greatly." Mr. Pecher stated.

Left, Cinderella compares feet with her ugly step sister's size 14 shoe. Right, Little Red and Quasi, portrayed by sophomore Josh Flores, are reunited after defeating the wicked witch.

Above, In "The Imperfect Proposal," junior Amy Mahony and freshman Luke Obregon play a couple who encounter many interruptions throughout their picnic date.

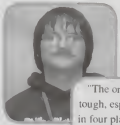
Below, The cast of "Ha Ha House" discovers that the ghost haunting of the house was really the butler the whole entire time.

Above, In "Big Bad," the Shepherd and his son are interviewed before the trail begins.

One-Acts	Senior Directors
"Big Bad"	Adi Cruz and Araceli Gomez
"Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde"	Victor Garcia and Julia Kempke
"The Ever After"	Katie Bajzatt and Kelsee Boland
"Ha Ha House"	Erina Lawson and Liz Rodriguez
"Imperfect Proposal"	Sandra Silva and Haleigh Suarez
"Seven Wives of Dracula"	Evelyn and Vianey Garcia
"Super Comics"	Taylor Pokraka and Phil Schillaci
"Quest for Quasi"	Christabel Gutierrez and Emily Gazda

"Putting in the effort, along with giving up a lot of time to be there went into directing the one-acts."
senior Victor Garcia

"It was interesting, but a lot of work! It was especially fun working with dougie Phil."
senior Taylor Pokraka



"The one-acts were tough, especially being in four plays, but it was definitely worth it."
junior Matt Keown

Seniors turn directors

Left, In "The Ever After," Snow White, played by Leslie Zarate, and the Evil Queen (Melina Marin) try to settle their differences by attending a quirky fairy tale talk show.

Above, The citizens of Comedyville gather together to hear the mayor's big announcement that a famous film producer by the name of P.G. Gruffman will soon be visiting their hometown.

Right, Dr. Jekyll, played by junior Matt Keown, tries to win over the girl of his dreams while battling his alter ego in "Dr. Jekll and Mr. Hyde."

Above, In "Quest for Quasi," Little Red Riding Hood, played by Brittney Lupo, receives a can opener, paper bag and vacuum from goofy fairy godmothers.

"The hardest part was remembering so many lines, but I was quick on my feet!" sophomore Josh Flores

Left, Senior directors, Taylor Pokraka and Phil Schillaci proudly show off part of their set. Right, Seniors Alexis Luna and Caitlin Wrzalinski, both playing lawyers, battle it out during their courtroom scene in "Big Bad."

Below, Freshman Tatiana Aponte carefully prepares for her performance in "Ha Ha House" by styling her own hair and applying her own makeup.

"The most memorable experience of the one-acts was meeting the people who made it fun and worth going to the practices." freshman Leslie Zarate

Right, Junior Matt Keown, playing the role of the infamous Count Dracula, is confronted by the heroic character of Van Helsing, played by senior Bob Anderson in "The Seven Wives of Dracula."

"It was nerve-wracking to perform in a play, yet looking back on all the people I met and how much fun I had made it amazing." freshman Mariana Cervantes

Sectional-Turnabout

Above, The 2009 Senior Sectional Court: Taylor Pokraka, Emily Gazda, Thomas Garcia, Sarah Perez, Joshua Thompson and Maira Medina.

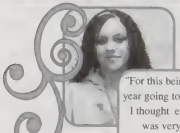
Bright lights, glistening stars and tons of memories: that's what students found at the 2009 Sectional-Turnabout this year. "Dancing Beneath the Stars," sponsored by the sophomore class, was held February 28 in the WMS Gym. Besides dancing and having fun, seniors Taylor Pokraka and Sarah Perez were crowned royalty near the evening's end. "When I won king, I couldn't believe it," said Pokraka, "I was so excited. It was an extraordinary night." "I was so surprised when they said my name, I was actually in shock!" said Perez. "But then I was insanely happy and grateful that I had made an impression on people that made them want to vote for me! Overall it was the best night ever!" she continued. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful decorations, the music and the many laughs. It was definitely a night to remember for all who attended.

Left, Freshmen Michael DelMuro and Claudia Lopez take a break from dancing.
Right, Taylor Pokraka and Sarah Perez share a dance after being announced king and queen.

Above, Seniors Brittany Stoklosa, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Julia Kempke and Erin Lawson share a few memories at their last sectionals dance.

Below, Sophomore Maxwell Mills-Groninger, senior Maira Medina and others can't wait to begin the night.

Left, Jazmyne Henderson, freshman, shows off her dance moves to the rest of the party.
Right, Javier Gutierrez, junior, and Roxena Cardoso, sophomore, are having a great time.



"For this being my first year going to sectionals, I thought everything was very cute."
freshman Emily DeLeon

"I had a lot of fun at the dance. The music was good and the place looked nice.
junior Juan Cervantes

"The dance was fun! I danced with all of my friends and then we went to eat."
senior Erin Lawson

"Dancing Beneath the Stars"

Left, The varsity basketball team and Coach Milenkoff take time to relax at the dance and enjoy their victory against their Clark rivals.

Above, Sophomore Luis Lazaro, junior Aldo Lopez, and sophomores Fernando Sahagun, Emerik Quiroz and Jordan Hennessey gather together while their dates for the evening hit the dance floor.

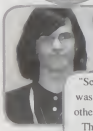
Right, Leading the students on the dance floor, senior Michael Unate shows them how to do the Cha-Cha Slide.

Above, Christine Cervantes and Enrique Silva, juniors, are ready to have a good time.

Left, A dance tradition, the class of 2009 takes a group picture before the presentation. Right, Sophomore Ignacio Salazar and freshman Yvette Meraz spend an enchanted evening together.

Below, Having a blast, Evelyn Skylas and Robert Gonzalez, sophomores, enjoyed themselves at the beautifully-decorated dance.

Right, Juniors Lauren McNinch, Rachel Sherer and Katie Franciski get down to the beat.



"Sectionals this year was better than all the others I have attended. The DJ was great!" senior Danny Atteberry

"After a long day at regionals, I attended the dance with my wonderful date, Kimbo." junior Ashley Thompson

"Sectionals was awesome. I almost broke my hand break dancing for three straight hours." junior Matt Keown

Spring Production

Above, Backstage, the cast members anxiously await for the spring production "Alice in Wonderland" to begin.

Curious to know what this year's spring production was all about? It begins with a little girl named Alice who travels to a quirky, mixed-up world where she meets everything from talking birds to a singing turtle. Directed by WHS/WMS Drama Club Sponsor Michelle Bundridge, along with co-director Alexis Jakubowski, this year's play allowed its audience to journey into Lewis Carroll's novel "Alice in Wonderland." Senior Christabel Gutierrez enthusiastically took the lead as the main role of Alice, bringing the character of the curious little girl to life on stage. With the dedication of all the cast members, both behind the scenes and on stage, this year's production was, without a doubt, a successful one.

Left, In the opening scene, Alice talks with with her pet cat as if it were human.
Right, Senior Haleigh Suarez as the White Rabbit worries about being late.

Above, The Mock Turtle, played by senior Araceli Gomez, sings "Turtle Soup" to Alice and the Gryphon, sophomore Julianne Stribiak

Below, The birds are put to sleep by a very long "tail" recited by senior Katie Bajzatt as the Mouse.

Left, Junior Matt Keown as the Black Knight performs "A-sitting on a Gate."
Right, Alice has an interesting conversation with Humpty Dumpty, played by 8th grader Alex Bajzatt.

"Drama Club can be described in one word: AWESOME." junior Matt Keown

"It was fun being a part of my first big play. I'm definitely going to miss the seniors." freshman Kate Forrestal

"My favorite part of 'Alice in Wonderland' was having a mohawk!" senior Stacy Kompier

'Alice in Wonderland'

Left, The Queen of Hearts, senior Kaitlyn Muratori, invites Alice to play a game of croquet.

Above, At the end of the show, the cast members thank their families and friends in the audience for coming to their performance.

Right, The Red Queen, senior Caitlyn Wrzalinski, and White Queen, 6th grader Alivia Jakubowski, invite Alice to dinner.

Above, The Caterpillar, sophomore Camilo Campos, tries to figure out who Alice is.

Left, The cards line up before the first appearance of the Queen of Hearts.
Right, Alice visits the Duchess, senior Kelsee Boland, along with her cook and the Cheshire Cat.

Below, The Red Queen introduces the leg of mutton to Alice.

Right, Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, seniors Phil Schillaci and Taylor Pokraka, stand beneath their giant umbrella to escape the rain.

"Memorizing my lines was challenging, but I enjoyed every minute of it!" senior Christabel Gutierrez

"It was really fun to play the part of Tweedle Dee and just act like a goofball. " senior Phil Schillaci

"I loved playing the Queen of Hearts and being able to yell at everyone." senior Kaitlyn Muratori

Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo has returned! This year, the Cinco de Mayo celebration was put together by Spanish Club Sponsor Mrs. Klochan, Spanish Club President Katie Bajzatt, Vice President Haleigh Suarez, Secretary Anna Cervantes and Treasurer Adi Cruz. "Cinco de Mayo was a lot of hard work to plan. We had to find a mariachi band, a restaurant to cater from and all the prizes. I think the officers and I did a very good job," stated Bajzatt. The celebration began with a mariachi band performing as everyone ate an authentic Mexican meal catered from Grillers Restaurant. Once the tables were cleared, the games began. Students from each grade participated in either a relay race, musical chairs or a bean-eating contest. The festivities ended with Sandra Silva and Ricardo Munoz being crowned the Cinco de Mayo Queen and King.

Above, Vice President Haleigh Suarez, Secretary Anna Cervantes, Treasurer Adi Cruz and President Katie Bajzatt serve authentic Mexican food at Cinco de Mayo.

"Cinco de Mayo was AWESOME! Spending time with my friends was FABULOSO! :D
senior Samantha Perez

Above, Dressed as a chile pepper, Adi Cruz serves chicken enchilada soup to Mr. Nichols.

Left, Junior Katie Franciski hurriedly wraps Monica Kazmierski in crepe paper as part of the relay race.

"Cinco de Mayo was great! The games were fun. I hope it's even better next time."
junior Rebecca Ramirez

Below, Junior Enrique Silva and sophomore Bobby Gonzalez are two out of 14 participants in the bean-eating contest.

Left, *Reina* Sandra Silva and *Rey* Richie Munoz show off their prizes.
Right, Freshmen Tatiana Aponte and Danielle Weems work to unscramble the months of the year in Spanish.

"This year's Cinco de Mayo was a blast! The food was amazing. The games were hilarious.
senior Maegan Stribiak

Left, While the Spanish Club officers control the music, students from grades 9-12 take part in the musical chairs battle.

Science Olympiad

As a new school year began, the Science Olympiad team studied hard every day and set new goals for themselves. At the Whiting Invite, the East Chicago Invite and the Northridge High School Invite, the team earned 3rd place finishes. After, the team traveled to Illinois to Niles West High School where, for the first time, they won the Spirit Award. The team then went on to participate in the Purdue Calumet Regional at which the team placed 2nd, qualifying them to go to state. This year the State competition was held at IUPUI, where the team was again successful, placing 12th overall. "This season was the best ever; we were able to win awards in every competition. Hopefully this will give us an even better season next year," said co-sponsor Mr. Jeremy Long.

Above, The Science Olympiad team gathers at the State Competition, which took place at IUPUI. Later that day, the team placed 12th place overall.

Right, Sophomores Max Mills-Groninger and Wyatt Cowley calibrate their junkyard device at the IUPUI State Competition.

Above, Juniors Kim Atteberry and Ashley Thompson work together in an environmental chemistry lab.

Left, Sophomores Stephen Bajzatt and Edgar Ojeda participate in "It's About Time." Right, Freshmen Leslie Zarate and Katlyn Forrestal take the fossils test.

Below, Senior Emily Duha and junior Melissa Rodriguez adjust their bridge at the East Chicago High School Invite.

Right, Seniors Joshua Thompson and Danny Atteberry prepare to launch using their trajectory device at the Whiting Invite.

"It was the best experience I've had this whole year. It was fun, yet challenging. The memories and friendships will always stay with me."
senior Liz Ayon

"I had lots of fun building model rockets for egg-o-naut. It was challenging, but I enjoyed it."
junior Kim Atteberry

"I enjoyed participating in all the new events this year and getting third place at state."
junior Melissa Rodriguez

Prom 2009

Above, A group of seniors share a moment together before being picked up by their limo to take them to their final high school dance.

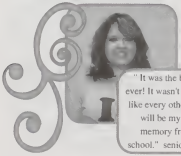
On Friday, May 1, the Whiting High School class of 2010 invited all juniors and seniors to a "Red Carpet Romance." The magical evening began with pre-Prom which was held at 4:30 p.m., where family and friends watched as the promgoers got the chance to show off their lovely dresses and handsome tuxes as each couple was announced on stage. Shortly following, students all jumped in their limos which took them to Cloister in the Woods in Munster, Indiana where Prom 2009 was held. Upon arriving, students were greeted by Mr. John Strabavy, class of 2010 sponsor, and Mrs. Stephanie Strabavy, SCOW school board member. Before entering the hall, the promgoers stopped to pose for pictures provided by HR Imaging. Inside, the tables were decorated in red and black, topped with key chains and photo albums which were handed out as favors. After the arrival of all guests, dinner was served. Guests chose from hamburgers, chicken strips, quesadillas, pasta and French fries. Once dinner ended, DJ Don Kaminsky of XL Entertainment began playing music and everyone danced the night away. As the end of the evening quickly approached, it was time to crown 2009 Prom King Bob Anderson and Queen Caitlin Wrzalinski. "I was surprised and overall enjoyed that I was awarded Prom King," said Anderson. "I was very excited and shocked all at the same time!" said Wrzalinski. After the new king and queen were finally announced, everyone enjoyed the last moments of prom together and their special night of a red carpet romance.

Left, Seniors Danny Reyes and Samm Perez get their groove on while friends look on.
Right, Senior Stacy Konpier and her date dance to the well-known "Suavemente."

Above, These lovely senior girls display a variety of styles of dresses and flowers at pre-prom festivities.

Below, Seniors Daniel Macon and Chucky Meyers put on a show for the senior circle.

Left, After being crowned, Queen Caitlin Wrzalinski and King Bob Anderson are pleased by the honor.
Right, Juniors Aldo Lopez and Melissa Rodriguez wait the arrival of their limo.



"It was the best dance ever! It wasn't just a dance like every other. By far it will be my favorite memory from high school." senior Liz Ayon

"The best parts of prom were the mosh pits, the food, the party bus and my hot date. The bus was just buckwild." senior Julian Nevarez

"My favorite part was the food! Every time I took a bite of one of those mini-cheeseburgers it was like a birthday party in my mouth!" junior Erica Simunic

"Red Carpet Romance"

Left, Sharing their final moments together, couples at prom danced to one of last songs of the night.

Above, Junior girls make the most out their first prom after long months of preparation.

Right, Junior Heather Stupeck and seniors Lexi Jakubowski and Emily Matulewicz enjoy their time at pre-prom.

Above, Senior Brittany Stoklosa places her garter around her date junior Edgar Carrillo's arm.

"Prom was awesome; our class put on a great prom. I can't wait until next year's." junior Krunal Darji

Left, Sophomore Steven Kieltyka escorts junior Chelsae Strabavy out on stage during pre-prom. Right, Students at the prom change pace with a slow song.

"I really enjoyed myself at prom. Afterwards we danced the night away on our party bus, which was a lot of fun" senior Evelyn Garcia

Right, Juniors Steven Atteberry, Sarah Mureiko, Sarah Wheeler and her date dance the night away.

Below, Class of 2010 Sponsor Mr. John Strabavy and his wife Mrs. Stephanie Strabavy enjoy their evening together while chaperoning the dance.

"Prom was amazing, I had such a blast. The music was out of this world." senior Michael Unate

Graduation

Above, Mr. Harker opens up the ceremony by giving a few words of wisdom to the graduating class of 2009.

High school is said to be the best four years of one's life. Perhaps not every senior would agree, but they all certainly can agree that the years flew by fast. On the morning of June 7, 2009, Whiting's seniors pulled on the traditional green and white caps and gowns as they prepared themselves for the ending of their high school career. This was the last time the seniors would walk the hallways that they've spent the last four years in and would look back on all the wonderful memories they have made in them. The day of graduation was the time for all seniors of 2009 to say "Goodbye!" to Whiting High School, and "Hello!" to their fantastic futures. Though some of our classmates may be traveling across country, while others will stay close to home, you can take the Oiler out of Whiting, but you can't take the Whiting out of the Oiler!

Left, Whiting High School alumnus and retired White Sox player Al Pilarcik talks about the ladder of success during his commencement address. Right, Mr. Laub presents the second Mr. Flick Memorial Scholarship to Charles Meyers III.

Above, Listening attentively, Victor Garcia and Vianey Garcia both wait for their turns to be called to walk across stage to get their diplomas.

Below, Athletes Adi Cruz and Christabel Gutierrez were handpicked to receive the Victoria Franco Scholarship because their great sportsmanship for the past four years.

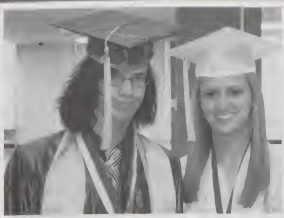
Left, Senior band members play for the last time by entertaining the audience before the beginning of the ceremony. Right, Emily Matulewicz earns the Whiting FOP Lodge # 68 Schorlarship.

"It was a long-awaited ceremony that was both sad and happy. It was my last stepping stone to adulthood."
Bob Anderson

"It hadn't hit me that we were really graduating until I walked out and saw everybody. The four-year wait was definitely worth it." Courtney Winkleman

"I am glad to have graduated with the class of 2009! The speeches were inspiring, but saying goodbye was hard!"
Alex Leddesma

A New Beginning



Left, Salutatorian Danny Attebcrry and valedictorian Katie Bajzatt wait for the ceremony, where they will give their inspiring speeches to classmates.

Above, These senior girls anxiously gathcr together in the cafeteria, as they wait for one of the biggest days of their lives to begin.

Left, Haleigh Suarez and Ryan Willoughby become the first-time recipients of the City of Whiting Scholarship, which was funded by BP. Right, Due to popular vote, Ms. Hylek was chosen to announce the names of the class of 2009 graduates.

Left, Counselor Mrs. Duncan wishes Bennett Frederick luck after he receives his diploma. Right, Ms. Flaris proudly presents Haleigh Suarez the Alexander Kompier Scholarship.

Below, This group of close friends gets a chance to celebrate the ending of high school with a final group hug.

Right, Mr. Harker gives senior Katie Bajda the traditional Whiting High School Medal which seniors receive for all their hard work and dedication.

"Graduation was a memorable experience and receiving such a honorable award really topped off the day!" Adi Cruz

"It was a blast listening to the band and choir, but the best part was throwing the caps and everyone going in for their last class of 2009 hug!" Elizabeth Rodriguez

"Throughout graduation I kept thinking about my past four years of high school, which made me realize how rewarding everything was." Veronica Gomez

Clubs/Extracurriculars

Academic Team

First Row: Science Captain Danny Atteberry; English Captain and Fine Arts Co-Captain Christabel Gutierrez; Social Studies Captain Sandra Silva; Interdisciplinary Captain Christine Slivka; Fine Arts Co-Captain Sarah Watkins; and Math Captain Alex Leddesma

Band

First Row: Liz Rodriguez, Erin Lawson, Kaitlyn Muratori, Katherine Staley, Evelyn Garcia. Second Row: Fernando Sahagun, Rachel Grunhard, Yvette Meraz, Eduardo Romero, Liz Ayon, Dominic Hernandez. Third Row: Chuck Meyers, Luis Lazaro, Phil Espinosa, Josh Thompson, Brett Banks

Booster Club

Seated on Floor: Vice President Alexis Luna, Secretary Katie Bajzatt, Treasurer Adi Cruz, President Emily Gazda

Choir

Seniors Members: Maegan Stribiak, Danny Reyes, Sandra Silva, Haleigh Suarez, Christabel Gutierrez, Katie Bajzatt, Stacy Kompier, Christine Slivka, Liz Ayon, Alexis Luna, Kelsee Boland, Phil Schillaci, Taylor Pokraka, Eduardo Romero

Drama Club

First Row (Floor): Secretary Haleigh Suarez, President Christabel Gutierrez, Vice President Katie Bajzatt, Treasurer Adi Cruz

Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

First Row: Kelsee Boland, Ashley Thompson, Joseph Murzyn, Haleigh Suarez. Second Row: Anna Cervantes, Julianne Stribiak, Emelie Lovasko, Beth Murzyn, Sarah Watkins.

National Honor Society (Seniors)

First Row: Phillip Schillaci, Anna Cervantes, Katie Bajzatt, Richie Munoz and Haleigh Suarez. Second Row: Ryan Willoughby. Danny Atteberry, Michael Unate, Emily Matulewicz, Taylor Pokraka and Brittany Stoklosa

Reflector

First Row: Sandra Silva, Anna Cervantes, Kelsee Boland, Katie Bajzatt, Danny Reyes, Gaby Lopez and Justin Jansky. Second Row: Adi Cruz, Caitlin Wrzalinski, Monica Vera, Annamarie Arnold, Alexis Jakubowski and Maira Medina. Third Row: Taylor Pokraka, Richie Munoz and Jackie Burrgess

Science Olympiad

First Row: Maira Medina, Danny Atteberry, Ilse Jimenez, Edgar Ojeda, Melissa Rodriguez. Second Row: Leslie Zarale, Sayra Jimenez, Stephen Duha, Crystal Godinez, Katie Bajzatt. Third Row: Max Mills-Groninger, Kate Forrestal, Jon Dietz, Stephen Bajzatt, Emily Duha. Fourth Row: Co-sponsor Mr. Nichols, Erica Simunic, Ashley Thompson, Kim Atteberry, Nick Korman, Co-sponsor Mr. Long. Fifth Row, Ryan Willoughby, Josh Thompson, Chuck Meyers, Taylor Pokraka, Phillip Schillaci, Jon Lanman

Spanish Club

First Row (Kneeling): Secretary Anna Cervantes, Vice President Haleigh Suarez, President Katie Bajzatt and Treasurer Adi Cruz

S.T.A.N.D.D.

First Row (Center): Treasurer Courtney Winkleman, Secretary Julia Kempke, Vice President Samantha Perez and President Kelsee Boland

Stats & Managers

First Row: Meagan Stribiak, Heather Stupeck, Alex Leddesma, Monica Kazmierski, Rachel Sherer. Second Row: Julianne Stribiak, Emilie Lovasko, Katie Bajzatt, Jasmine Bejar, Zeena Darji, Emily Matulewicz

Student Council

First Row: Anna Cervantes, Adi Cruz, Caitlin Wrzalinski, Araceli Gomez. Second Row: Taylor Pokraka, Emily Gazda, Joey Murzyn, Sarah Perez, Gaby Lopez, Kim Atteberry, Tom Flores. Third Row: Julianne Stribiak, Emelie Lovasko, Beth Murzyn, Zeena Darji, Alex Leddesma, Daniel Macon. Fourth Row: Megan Kazmierski, Caleb Strahavy, Brittany Bulatovich, Katie Franciski, Lauren Kieltyka, Melina Marin, Luis Lazaro. Fifth Row: Anna Romero, Allie Sciacero, Gabby Sparano, Megan Herringer, Christine Slivka, Danielle Weems

Tattler

Emily Gazda, Araceli Gomez, Haleigh Suarez, Christabel Gutierrez, Heather Stupeck

Sports

Varsity Football

The Oilers lost some vital players last season, but that didn't stop them from having a successful season. The Oilers trained all summer and it showed on the field. The Oilers had some experienced returning players such as quarterback Daniel Macon, wide receivers Ryan Willoughby and Eddie Galaviz, linemen Chuck Meyers and Taylor Pokraka, linebackers Daniel Fishel and Richie Munoz, and runningbacks Alex Leddesma and Juan Torres.

The team's most exciting game against Bishop Noll, where the Oilers came back from behind and defeated the Warriors 36-33 in overtime. "The Bishop Noll game was very intense. Going into overtime the whole team was determined to come out with a victory," said senior Taylor Pokraka. The Oilers finished the hard-fought season 6-4.

In addition, this year's seniors also had the honor of giving head coach Jeff Cain his 100th win of his career. The historic win came against North Newton.

Above, The 2008 Varsity Football Team: Coaches: Head Coach Jeff Cain Assistants Rob Scgudovic, Brett Jennings, Shawn Turpin, Daniel Tolcikis, Victor Sahagun, Michael Toth, Greg Gonzalez, Aaron Morando. Captains: Seniors Daniel Macon, Chucky Meyers and Eddie Galaviz. Managers: Rachel Sherer and Christine Cervantes.

Left, Wide receiver Emerik Quiroz, sophomore runs the ball down the field against the River Forest Ingots in the season opener.

Below, Coach Jeff Cain calls senior quarterback Daniel Macon to the sidelines to give him the next play.

Above, Daniel Fishel, senior punter, receives the football and prepares to punt it away.

Above, Bursting through the hoop, the Oilers come out ready to play against the Gavit Gladiators.

Above, Breaking a tackle for some yards after catch (YAC), senior wide receiver Ryan "The Wildabeast" Willoughby drives for the first down. Willoughby finished the Wheeler game with five receptions and 98 yards.

"I thought this season was great. I was glad to play alongside a bunch of great players who are dedicated."
junior
Manny Galindo

"I think this year's football season was exciting. I had a lot of fun and learned a lot."
sophomore
Matthew Aponte

"I think this year's football season was good and I had a lot of fun with my teammates and coaches."
senior Taylor Pokraka

Above, Jumping up to deflect a pass, senior Eddie Galaviz prevents a Warrior touchdown in the 36-33 Oiler victory in overtime.

Right, Sophomore Juwan Simmons gets ready on the line of scrimmage and awaits the snap of the ball for his chance to make a big play for the Oilers.

Coach's Corner

"I am proud of the amount of success we have had over the past 14 years. I feel it is a reflection on the great people I have been able to work with. My assistant coaches, present and past, deserve most of the credit for the 100 wins. I have been very fortunate to have a staff that has been intact for long periods of time."

Coach Jeff Cain

"This year's season was up and down, but in the end it turned out well. " junior Andrew Lowe

"Football this year was fun and I learned a lot. Varsity is much different from JV." sophomore Steven Kieltyka

WHS vs.

River Forest	W
Gavit	W
Wheeler	L
South Central	W
Bishop Noll	W
North Newton	W
Calumet	L
Clark	L
Lake Station	W
Sectionals-Triton	L

Final Record
6-4

Left, Senior Richie Munoz shows his moves to get by the River Forest defender. The Oilers defeated the visiting Ingots in a 42-0 shutout. Below, Senior Daniel Fishel and sophomore Matthew Aponte celebrate after an Oiler touchdown in the home game against Gavit.

Below, Senior captains, Daniel Fishel, Chuck Meyers and Eddie Galaviz, walk hand-in-hand to midfield for the toss.

"Do It Right 2008"

Varsity Volleyball

After an impressive record last year, the Whiting volleyball team started off the season with high expectations, including winning the sectional title again. The team worked hard throughout the summer with the help of second-year coach Kelly Greer and four senior captains: Emily Gazda, Adi Cruz, Katie Bajzatt and Araceli Gomez. The season opener was a home match against Washington Township. Unfortunately, the team was defeated in three games. After a rocky start, the Lady Oilers tried their hardest to progress and fought hard in many tough games and also in two tournaments. As sectionals rolled around, the team felt confident in their abilities and easily won their first match against LaCrosse. During the second round, however, the Lady Oilers lost against Kouts in one of their toughest games of the season. "I am extremely proud of the way all of the girls played during the postseason," stated Coach Greer. "They showed a lot of heart, determination and pride out on the court."

Above, The 2008 Varsity Volleyball Team: Bottom Row: Araceli Gomez, Elizabeth Murzyn, Veronica Gomez, Emelie Lovasko. Middle Row: Katie Bajzatt, Sarah Jansky, Adi Cruz, Haleigh Suarez, Emily Gazda. Top Row: Amanda Blackwell, Ashley Pokraka, Chelsae Strabavy, Sarah Watkins, Coach Kelly Greer.

Left, Before facing Westville for their last home game during Senior Night, the seven seniors celebrate all their accomplishments.

Above, In order to make a pass to the setter, senior Veronica Gomez situates herself underneath the ball.

Above, Adi Cruz, senior libero takes a deep breath and dribbles her ritual routine before serving the ball to the opposing team. Left, After siding out the ball against Gavit, sophomore Beth Murzyn substitutes in for front row player Sarah Jansky, junior.

Below, Players cheer on the sidelines for their fellow teammates during a conference game against Wheeler.

Above, Setting up the ball to junior Ashley Pokraka is senior starter Araceli Gomez.

"The seniors made this volleyball season more than amazing with all their help and support. They will be greatly missed next year." sophomore Beth Murzyn

"Senior Nght was awesome! Everyone came together and made all the seniors feel extremely special and proud to be a Whiting volleyball player." senior Veronica Gomez

"Volleyball this year was a great experience. The first game of the season would have to be my favorite game." sophomore Ashley Pokraka

Above, Co-captains Araceli Gomez and Katie Bajzatt try to get the team fired-up before the start of the third match against the E. C. Central Cardinals.

Right, Amanda Blackwell prepares to serve the ball to the opposition. With over 100 aces, Blackwell was the top server for the Lady Oilers.

Coach's Corner

"The team has had both good times and bad throughout the season. They progressed through the season, from beginning to end. During sectionals, they played extremely well and everyone came together to play as a whole. I am going to miss the seniors. They're a great group of talented young ladies, and I know that they will do great things after they leave Whiting."

Coach Kelly Greer

"My favorite game would definitely have to be against Kouts during sectionals. Even though we lost, we really came together as a team." junior Sarah Watkins

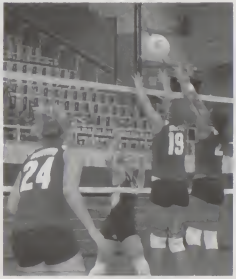
"Volleyball this year was truly great. We had our ups and downs, but in the end we came together. I am definitely going to miss being a WHS Lady Oiler." senior Emily Gazda

Whiting vs.

Washington Twp.	L
E.C. Central	L
Wheeler	L
LaCrosse	W
M.C. Marquette	L
West Central Tournament	1-2
Hanover Central	W
Bishop Noll	L
Gary Roosevelt	W
Morgan Twp.	L
North Newton	L
Griffith Tournament	2-2
Kouts	L
Clark	W
Morton	L
Gary West Side	W
River Forest	L
Hammond High	W
Hebron	L
Clark	L
Lake Station	W
South Central	L
Westville	L
Gavit	W
Sectionals:	
LaCrosse	W
Kouts	L

Below, Coach Kelly Greer takes a full timeout to discuss strategy with her players during the game against Bishop Noll.

Left, After a long and intense match, the Lady Oilers show their good sportsmanship by shaking hands with the Washington Township Senators. Below, Juniors Chelsae Strabavy and Sarah Watkins jump to get a double block, while sophomore Amanda Blackwell covers behind them.



Take a Stand, Leave a Legacy.

Varsity Cross Country

One mile repeats, 800M intervals, 10-mile runs and three-mile races: How do these athletes get through the practices and meets? They run on pure determination. While the cross country team did face some challenging workouts, they always managed to rise over the hurdles and persevere. In addition to the mental toughness needed for this sport, the runners had a great support system encouraging them to the finish line. However, the team faced some difficulties on their road to success. "Our greatest obstacle this season was overcoming our inability to practice together every day. Two of our seniors had to run every morning before school instead of with the team. Even though we didn't practice together, we were still able to hold it together during races," said Coach Kevin Moynihan. By the time sectionals came along, the team was tighter and stronger than ever. With each runner contributing, they were rewarded fifth place and made their way onto regionals. "The morale of the team at regionals is what made the conclusion of my last year so memorable," stated senior Christabel Gutierrez.

Above, The 2008 Varsity Cross Country Team: First Row: Sayra Jimenez, Adi Cruz, Brittney Lupo, Maegan Stribiak, Lauren McNinch Second Row: Christabel Gutierrez, Megan Jakovich, Lauren Vega, Araceli Gomez, Danielle Weems. Third Row: Assistant Coach Nick Heeringa, Phillip Espinosa, Chris Moynihan, Stephen Bajzatt, Alex Leddesma, Coach Kevin Moynihan.

Left, The Oilers start the race together, hoping to run in a pack at their first co-ed meet at Forsythe Park.

Above, Freshman Sayra Jimenez leads the way to the finish line followed by teammate, Maegan Stribiak.

Below. The boys team band together to psych themselves up for the competition.

Above, Seniors Christabel Gutierrez Adi Cruz, Araceli Gomez and Maegan Stribiak are enthusiastic about the outcome of the race.

Above, As senior Christabel Gutierrez finishes the last 100 meters of the race, she puts all of her heart into holding her position at the Gavit Invite. Left, The cross country boys work hard as a team to achieve a spot in the front of the pack.

"My entire junior season was my favorite. I got eleventh at New Prairie, eleventh at Highland, and I ran the best race of my life at regionals. I am going to miss all the people I ran with."
senior Christabel Gutierrez

"The best part of my career would have to be when I got First Team All-Conference. I am going to miss running that last 200 meters of every race that determined where all of your hard work went."
senior Adi Cruz

"The highlight of my career would have to be the regional race, my junior year where we missed semistate by two runners. Although it sounds crazy, I am going to miss morning practices in the summer."
senior Araceli Gomez

Above, As his opponents trail right behind him, sophomore Stephen Bajzatt picks up his pace as he finishes the last 200 meters with determination.

Right, Staying focused on the official, seniors Araceli Gomez, Adi Cruz and Christabel Gutierrez hold their watches as they wait for the race to begin.

Coach's Corner

"Even though we did not reach all the goals we set at the beginning of the year, I can honestly say that these kids gave everything they had. Each one of them can walk away from this season realizing that they were successful. It has been a memorable four years. They are years that both Coach Nick and I will always look back on fondly. Thank you, seniors, for all you have given to both the program and the school."

Coach Kevin Moynihan

"The highlight of my career was running to the best of my ability at regionals. I am going to miss the crazy conversations the team and I shared."
senior Maegan Stribiak

"Beating my personal record at Highland was the best part of my career. I am going to miss the spagheti dinners we had before the races."
senior Chris Moynihan

WHS vs.

Andrean Invite	Inc.
Gavit Invite	6/18
GSSC Conf Meet	Inc.
TF South Invite	Inc.
GSSC Conf Meet	1/4
Kouts Invite	2/8
New Prairie Invite	12/32
Quad Meet	Inc.
Highland	7/18
Clark-Hammond	1/3
Conference Invite	2/7
Sectionals	4/12
Regionals	9/10

Below, The Lady Oilers get their last preparations before the race as they take their final run-out. The girls completed the New Prairie race in twelfth place out of 32 teams.

Left, Sophomores Megan Jakovich and Brittney Lupo find some time to let loose after the race with freshman, Sayra Jimenez.
Below, The Lady Oilers come together for the last time to support each other in the challenging course they are about to face at regionals.

"Go the Distance"

Varsity Boys Basketball

The Whiting Oilers improved greatly this year. Coming into the season, the team had high expectations and worked extremely hard during practices. The Oilers won their first game and performed well during the middle of the season. With six wins overall, the team was pleased with what they accomplished. They went on a three-game winning streak at the end of the season by beating Hebron, Clark and Washington Township. Going into sectionals, the Oilers were determined to win their first game and did so by defeating Washington Township. Their hopes were abruptly dashed, however, when they faced the Bowman Academy Eagles. "Highlights were defeating Clark in the last regular season game of the year at Clark and defeating Washington Township in the opening round of sectional play," Coach Derrick Milenkoff said.

Above, The 2008-2009 Varsity Basketball Team. First Row: Gio Cruz, Karan Darji, Richie Munoz, Steve Kieltyka. Second Row: Elliott Bajda, Caleb Strabavy, Taylor Pokraka, Chuck Meyers, Dan Macon. Third Row: Coach Derrick Milenkoff, Coach Nick McNinch, Chris Moynihan, Coach Jack McNinch, Manager Jake Foster.

Left, Sophomore Elliott Bajda dribbles the ball upcourt against a Hebron defender.

Above, Senior Chris Moynihan and freshman Caleb Strabavy bait the opponent into a trap.

Above, Elliott Bajda shoots a free throw after getting viciously fouled on his way up for a layup.
Left, Chris Moynihan crashes the boards for a rebound.

Below, Getting pumped up before the game, the Oilers chant in the team huddle.

Above, Senior Daniel Macon poses after he is announced before the game.

"I believe this season was successful and a great learning experience. We competed very well."
senior Chuck Meyers

"We improved a lot since last year. We worked hard through the year and played as a team."
senior Daniel Macon

"It was a good season and I will miss playing high school basketball."
senior Chris Moynihan

Above, Seniors Dan Macon, Taylor Pokraka, Chuck Meyers and Chris Moynihan celebrate their win on Senior Night with Coach Milenkoff.

Coach's Corner

"The 2008-2009 boys basketball season has the program heading in the right direction. The team won six games and was competitive in many others. The seniors have laid the groundwork, now it's time for the underclassmen to step up. It is still 'Time to Believe!'"

Coach Derrick Milenkoff

Right, After getting fouled by a Gavit defender, freshman Caleb Strabavy shoots his free throws.

"This season was fun and next year will be better." sophomore Elliott Bajda

"This season was exciting and and we improved a lot." senior Taylor Pokraka

WHS vs.

Washington Township	W
Clark	L
Griffith	L
Marquette Catholic	L
Calumet	L
Westville	L
River Forest	L
North Newton	W
LaCrosse	L
Lake Station	L
Wheeler	L
River Forest	W
Wheeler	L
Bishop Noll	L
Gavit	L
Hanover Central	L
Grant Park	L
Morton	L
Hebron	W
Clark	W
Sectionals- Washington Township	W
Sectionals- Bowman Academy	L

Below, Freshman Gio Cruz plays hard-nosed defense against his Wheeler opponent.

Left, Sophomore Steve Kieltyka plays within his zone on defense against Wheeler.
Below, Jumping for the tip-off against Clark, senior Chris Moynihan taps the ball the Oilers' way.

"Still Time to Believe"

Varsity Girls Basketball

Bursting through the big hoop, the constant screech of soles on the court and the camaraderie of the girls characterize the varsity girls basketball season. With many returning players, the team brought their positive energy together to create high morale for all games and practices. "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is a progress; working together is success," was the Lady Oilers' motto that fueled them throughout the season. The Oilers found much success in their ultimate highs of their season, such as reaching the sectional championship against Kouts. The team also encountered some lows with the obstacles that they faced. Midseason, starting Oiler Mel Dumezich faced a serious injury and was out for the duration. However, the team banded together and rose to the top once more. "I was very proud of the way the girls had responded to all of the adversity we had been through this year. I wish they had twenty more games so they could continue their journey," Coach Moynihan said.

Above, The 2008-2009 Varsity Basketball Team: Coach Kevin Moynihan, Jennifer Hennessey, Araceli Gomez, Adi Cruz, Amanda Blackwell, Melissa Dumczich, Emily Gazda, Elizabeth Murzyn, Guadalupe Cornejo, Coach Matt Moynihan.

Above, Hand-in-hand, the Oilers give their attention to the American flag as the Whiting pep band plays the "Star-Spangled Banner."

Above, A Clark rival and sophomore Jen Hennessey are face-to-face in midair for what's about to be a drive to the basket.

Above, Jumping high in the air, sophomore Amanda Blackwell wins the tip-off by deflecting the ball away from her North Newton opponent.

Left, Putting some spin on the ball, sophomore Ashley Pokraka shoots a free throw as her team eagerly awaits the rebound.

Left, Sophomore Lupe Cornejo makes a pass to her teammate to start a play.

"The highlight of my career would have to be the River Forest game when we beat them in overtime. I will never forget the girls and coaches. We have worked hard to come together as a team and we really proved ourselves."
senior Emily Gazda

"Basketball was an experience I will never forget. The highlight of my career is the River Forest game that went into overtime and South Central when I got my career high. I gained a lot of knowledge from the game and I am going to miss everything about it." senior
Adi Cruz

"The season turned out great. We worked hard all year and I feel that we peaked at the time we should have. Overall it was a great season full of memories that I will never forget."
senior Araceli Gomez

Above, Coach Kevin Moynihan gives his team some inspiring words before their tough march against Hebron.

Right, Senior Araceli Gomez gets in her defensive stance to guard her Kouts opponent. Kouts was the Oilers' first and last game of the 08-09 season.

Coach's Corner

"The chemistry amongst the team this year took awhile to come, but it was worth waiting for. I only wish it could have happened a little earlier, but when they realized how to play together, they really learned something about themselves individually. 13-10 is a good record with our tough schedule; I am very proud of the team's success."

Coach Kevin Moynihan

"Playing Kouts for the sectional championship would have to be the highlight of my season. Everyone played their hearts out. Also, singing with my teammates on the bus rides home." sophomore Lupe Cornejo

"The highlight of my season would have to be the Kouts game and all of the fun bus rides singing all the way home." sophomore Amanda Blackwell

Whiting vs.

Kouts	L
Clark	W
Gavit	L
Westville	W
Marquette Catholic	W
Washington Twp	W
Calumet	L
Griffith	L
River Forest	W
LaCrosse	W
Lake Station	W
Wheeler	L
Hebron	L
Bishop Noll	W
GSSC Tourney	
Wheeler	L
Clark	W
North Newton	L
Morton	W
South Central	W
Sectionals	
Morgan Township	W
Lacrosse	W
Kouts	L

Below, Seniors Adi Cruz and Emily Gazda spring for the ball before the opposing team has a chance to take it.

Left, The Oilers stay focused as they wait for the free throw so they can attack the basket for a rebound.

Below, Huddled up as a team, the Lady Oilers chant their game ritual to get themselves pumped up for the game that they will face.

"Big Green is in the House"

Varsity Wrestling

Underarmour, shirts, garbage bags and sweaters. Wrestlers all know how to pull off the layered look, except that their layered look has a lot more sweat than swagger. The sweating is just part of their rigorous training. They also have to diet in order to make their weight. The hard work and dedication that the wrestlers put in shows on the mat, where the Oilers greatly improved from last season. "Coming off a 1-20 season, this year we managed to win eight dual meets finishing 8-14," said Coach Segudovic. Not only did the Oilers have success in the regular season, but they also had tremendous individual success in the postseason. Whiting had four wrestlers qualify for regionals with one advancing to semistate.

The semistate qualifier, Emerik Quiroz, isn't a rookie to the sport of wrestling. Quiroz has been wrestling for eight years now, and, though only a sophomore, has gained the experience he has needed to compete with the best wrestlers in the area.

Above, The 2008-2009 Wrestling Team. Standing: Coach Mike Flores, Coach Aaron Morando, Daniel Fishel, Jordan Hennessey, Julian Nevarez, Coach Robert Segudovic. Kneeling: Chris Duarte, Emerik Quiroz, Eduardo Romero, Stephen Bajzatt, Javier Gutierrez, Bernardo Aupont. Seated: Alex Leddesma, Tommy Garcia, Manuel Lopez, Steven Taylor, Eric Perez.

Left, Senior Alex Leddesma and sophomore Eric Perez discuss their opponents before the meet.

Above, Using the crossface technique, freshman Manuel Lopez causes his rival some pain.

Above, Senior Dan Fishel works hard to gain position and pin his Gladiator opponent.

Below, Tommy Garcia gains position as he turns to the sideline to receive some tips on how to win the match.

Above, Freshman Josh Kempke applies a headlock to his opponent.

Left, Sophomore semistate qualifier Emerik Quiroz contemplates his plan of attack to win his match and move one step closer to his goal.

"This season was fun and I plan to work harder next year to make it even better." sophomore Jordan Hennessey

"I had a lot of fun this year and I will definitely miss wrestling when I graduate." senior Dan Fishel

"It's hard for people to succeed in this sport, and I'm proud of the goals I've achieved." senior Alex Leddesma

Above, Freshman Manuel Lopez grapples his River Forest opponent in hopes of taking him down for the pin and winning the match.

Right, Senior Julian Nevarez steps onto the mat ready to face his opponent at the home wrestling match. Nevarez wrestled at 189 pounds.

Coach's Corner

"Coming into the year, we didn't have a lot of experience coming back. The seniors did a good job of leading and working hard which set a good example for the underclassmen. We have a lot of wrestlers coming back next year and some tough 8th graders who will compete for some spots, so we are excited about the future."

Coach Rob Segudovic

"This season was a new experience. I learned a lot and worked some kids." senior Julian Nevarez

" We lost some seniors, but I look forward to next year, sophomore Matt Aponte

WHS vs.

Andrean	L
North Newton	L,L
Lake Station	W,W
Morton	L
East Chicago	L,L
Hammond High	W
River Forest	W,L
Gavit	L,W
Hobart	L
Bishop Noll	W,W,W
Goshen	L
Highland	L
Hanover Central	L
Gary West Side	L
Lake County	17th Place
Calumet	L
Conference Duals	4th Place
Culver Military Tourney	8th Place
Sectionals	7th Place
Overall Record	8-14

Left, Emerik Quiroz shows off all of his ribbons and medals he has earned over the course of his wrestling career.

Below, Senior Alex Leddesma raises his hand in victory after pinning his opponent. Leddesma had a successful year and was a regional qualifier.

Below, Eric Perez gets in position to make his move and shoot in on his Gladiator opponent.

"Overcoming Obstacles"

Varsity/ JV Cheerleading

Once again this year, the cheerleading squad experienced changes with a new coach and a whole new and improved squad. Kristine Greer stepped in and took the reigns when former coach Olivia Rhodehmel resigned. One of the highlights of the season was the group's participation in a dance/cheer competition held at Wheeler High School. The cheerleaders spent many hours preparing for the event, and performed well, especially considering it was their first competition. "My expectations for this year were for everyone to come together as a team and to make high school history by competing. When you put 15 girls in a room together and expect them to perfect a routine, you're bound to get stressed out. They really surprised me on the mat, and I don't regret anything we've done. We did the best we could and that's all that matters. I have never been so proud of them this entire year. They pulled together as a TEAM and made it happen," said Coach Greer.

Above, The 2008-2009 Varsity Cheerleaders. Standing: Ariel Reyna, Heather Stupeck, Coach Kristine Greer, Alexia Obregon, Brittany Bulatovich. Kneeling: Amy Mahony and Allie Sciacero. Bottom: Taylor McNinch and Brittney Lupo.

Left, Varsity and junior varsity squads yell out "Battle Cry" so the fans can catch the Oiler spirit at halftime.

Above, The cheerleaders proudly sing the school song after an other touchdown is scored.

Below, Cheerleaders wait for the game to start and for the Oilers to post another victory.

Above, Juniors Brittany Bulatovich and Sarah Jansky take a break.

Above, Both varsity and junior varsity squads practice their stunts before the game begins. Left, The junior varsity squad crosses their fingers that the player makes his free throw.

"Cheerleading was awesome for my first year. I am looking forward to being on the squad next year." freshman Allie Sciacero

"It was fun and a lot better than I expected. I hope next year is just as great." sophomore Emelie Lovasko

"This is my first year cheerleading, and it's harder than I thought it would be." junior Rachel Sherer

Above, The JV Cheerleaders. Kneeling: Emelie Lovasko, Sarah Casillas, Lauren Vega, Danielle Weems, Ilse Jimenez. Standing: Coach Greer, Tatiana Aponte, Sarah Jansky, Brett Banks, Rachel Sheer, Katelyn Malacia.

Coach's Corner

"Coaching for cheerleading is a very challenging job, but I love it. It is very different from when I was a cheerleader. I am so proud of the girls for their hard work and dedication to the team. They did an outstanding job at competition. The girls came together as a team."

Coach Kristine Greer

Right, Varsity and junior varsity squads prepare to make Whiting High School history in their first dance/cheer competition at Wheeler High School.

"Cheerleading this year was awesome. I can't wait for competition again next year." junior Heather Stupeck

"The competition was a good experience for the squad and I look forward to doing it next year." junior Amy Mahony

Left, The JV squad performs for the crowd. Below, The cheerleaders anxiously await the appearance of the Oilers in the game against Gavit.

Left, Both squads cheer for the duration of the parade, making their way to the bonfire. Below, The varsity squad shows off their cheer to the cheerleaders of the opposing team at halftime.

"Go, Fight, Win!"

Varsity Baseball

Besides losing a number of seniors from last year's semistate team, the Oilers' major obstacle this year was the weather. There were nine rained out games which could not be rescheduled, but the team did pick up Portage and Kankakee Valley. Despite the weather, however, the Oilers had another successful season. They finished 15-10 and 8-6 in the GSSC. Although the Oilers were viewed as underdogs, they played with heart and determination against tough teams and showed that they are the real deal. Going into sectionals, the Oilers were not expected to win the championship, but they went in fired up and defeated the number five team in state, Washington Township, in the first round. They went on to defeat Morgan Township and Kouts (in eight innings) to win their second straight sectional championship. The Oilers ran into a dead end, however, when they went up against South Central who ended their state title run.

Above, The 2009 Varsity Baseball Team. First Row: Tom Flores, Gio Cruz, Emerik Quiroz, Michael Unate, Coty Sparks, Joseph Bondi, Krunal Darji. Second Row: Matt Aponte, Joseph Murzyn, Taylor Pokraka, Elliott Bajda, Steve Kielyka, Jordan Macon. Third Row: Coach Robert Segudovic, Chuck Meyers, Andrew Lowe, Daniel Macon, Daniel Fishel, Ryan Willoughby, Coach Kevin Lenz.

Left, Sophomore Elliott Bajda throws a River Forest opponent out to end the inning for the Oilers.

Above, Junior Andrew Lowe checks his runner at first base before throwing his pitch.

Above, Sophomore Matthew Aponte pitches to freshman Joey Bondi before heading into the game.

Below, Junior Andrew Lowe makes a diving stop and still manages to get the runner out at first.

Above, Senior Daniel Macon throws a high speed fastball over the plate.

Left, Junior catcher Joey Murzyn talks to senior Daniel Macon on the mound to give him encouragement.

"No one expected us to win this year, and we went out there and proved them wrong." senior Daniel Macon

"I knew it would be hard this season, but we played hard." senior Ryan Willoughby

"Winning sectionals was memorable." senior Michael Unate

Above, The Whiting Oilers show their excitement after winning their second straight sectional championship.

Right, Matt Aponte makes contact with the ball to help the Oilers win the game.

Coach's Corner

"Last year we went into the sectional knowing it was ours. This year, I didn't know what to expect. We lost some seniors and added a lot of new faces, but these guys have stepped up and really made this a team. Beating Washington Township who was 22-3 and ranked fifth in the state in the first game of sectionals was a HUGE win for our confidence. This is sweet."

Coach Kevin Lenz

Whiting vs.

EC Central	W
LaCrosse	W
Griffith	L
Lake Station	W-W
River Forest	W-W
Bishop Noll	L-L
Calumet	W-W
North Newton	L-L
Wheeler	W-L
MC Marquette	W-L
Kankakee Valley	L
Portage	L
Sectionals	
Washington Township	W
Morgan Township	W
Kouts	W
Regionals	
South Central	L

Below, Senior Chuck Meyers takes a daring lead at first base before the pitcher throws to the batter.

Left, Junior Tom Flores takes his secondary lead after the pitch and then runs back to first. Below, Sophomore Emerik Quiroz pokes the ball out into the outfield, hitting a double.

"Beyond Expectations"

Varsity/ JV Golf

This has been a year of change for the golf team in a number of ways. The weather played a huge role in the day-to-day schedule changes, and the makeup of the team also changed as the season progressed. The biggest change came, however, in early May when longtime coach Kathy Herochik resigned due to time conflicts with other commitments. Marty Furiak then took over as head coach, and both players and coach had some adjustments to make. After awhile, the team began to hit its stride, and the players began improving as they were given the opportunity to play matches. "How we were able to get most of our matches in, I will never know," said Coach Herochik. "Finishing 7-13 was a fine accomplishment for us this year. I would like to say farewell to my seniors: Bob Anderson, Danny Atteberry, Josh Thompson and Emily Matulewicz. Best of luck on all of your future endeavors. Always remember too: Keep your head down and stay on the cart path!" Coach Herochik continued.

Above, The 2009 Varsity Golf Team. First Row: Manager Emily Matulewicz, Thomas Kompier, Wyatt Cowley and Danny Atteberry. Second Row: Coach Marty Furiak, Josh Thompson, Bob Anderson, Christopher Slater, David Matura and Jacob Wright.

Left, The golf team takes a break from playing to pose for a picture on the course.

Above, Sophomore Tommy Kompier exchanges cards with his opponent at the course.

Below, Senior Bob Anderson, captain, shows leadership by sharing words of wisdom with the team.

Above, The team warms up before their opponents arrive at Lost Marsh.

Above, MVP Jacob Wright takes a swing towards victory. Left, Bob Anderson helps teammate sophomore Wyatt Cowley line up his shot. "Being a captain taught me a lot of leadership," said Anderson.

"This year's golf season was full of accomplishments for the team, like when I shot a 48 at Turkey Creek." senior Josh Thompson

"Overall, I don't think my golf games were the best this year, but I will miss practicing and playing with my team." senior Danny Atteberry

"Since this was my senior year, I thought it was a fair season. I improved a lot this year, took on leadership and helped out." senior Bob Anderson

Above, Coach Furiak gives advice to one of his players. "Though I took over for Mrs. Herochik half way through the season, I have seen improvement."

Right, Senior Danny Atteberry carefully hits the ball in order to sink his shot.

Coach's Corner

"Throughout the season I have seen the team grow and improve. We need to work on fundamentals, just like any other sports team. The inclement weather has taken its toll on us. We have had several rainouts, and it has been a challenge getting on the golf course on a consistent basis."

Coach Marty Furiak

"I enjoyed practicing and learning from the seniors this year and all their shenanigans." sophomore Wyatt Cowley

"I had a good time watching the boys improve this year." senior Emily Matulewicz

Whiting vs.

River Forest	262-220
Gavit	241-233
South Central	230-228
Wheeler	250-181
Calumet	226-214
Bishop Noll	260-180
North Newton	223-203
Clark	241-244
Lake Station	243-293
Sectionals--Triton	12th/13

Left, Freshman David Matura keeps eye on the ball as it travels towards its destination. Below, Bob Anderson concentrates while he putts the ball. "I did my best this year; my golf ability improved," Anderson stated.

Below, David Matura and Chris Slater head out to the course ready for another match.

Par for the Course

Varsity Softball

Spring showers were a key obstacle that the Lady Oilers had to face this 2009 season, causing them to play a constantly changing schedule. Not only was rain a hurdle, but the Oilers also had to face the obstacle of being without ace pitcher Mel Dumezich who was recovering from a torn ACL at the beginning of the season. With Dumezich sidelined, pitchers Sarah Jansky and Ashley Pokraka took the role on the mound. "Jansky and Pokraka did a great job while Mel was out. I feel that we came together as a team as the season progressed," stated Coach Paul Laub. After being out for a few games, Dumezich returned full throttle by fanning 16 batters and hitting a grand slam during the doubleheader of her return. From then on, the Oilers were complete and out to win another state title. After grabbing the sectional title, Whiting advanced to regionals. With teamwork, they moved on to their final goal: making it to state. For the Oilers, semistate was their greatest challenge. The game broke state records by going 17 innings in 4 1/2 hours. However, the Oilers fell short and ended their journey in the 1-3 loss to Tecumseh. "No one likes to lose the way we did in the semi's, but I think when we look back on our season, we will feel that it was a success," Laub said.

Above, The 2009 Varsity Softball Team. First Row: Katie Bajzatt, Mel Dumezich, Adi Cruz, Zeena Darji. Second Row: Jasmine Bejar, Beth Murzyn, Erica Simunic, Shelby Eudakis, Emelie Lovasko, Jen Hennessey. Third Row: Sarah Jansky, Amanda Blackwell, Chelsac Strabavy, Ashley Pokraka, Sarah Watkins. Fourth Row: Head Coach Paul Laub, Assistant Coach Kelly Greer, Assistant Coach Jill Gajewski, Assistant Coach Michelle Kobli, Assistant Athletic Director Joel Romero and Stat Keeper Monica Kazmierski.

Left, The Lady Oilers join hands during the national anthem before the beginning of an away game.

Above, Junior Sarah Jansky makes contact with the ball to help her team win their game against Lake Station.

Below, The Oilers observe their opponents' weaknesses at regionals while watching their warm-up.

Above, Making a play at home, senior Adi Cruz attempts to tag the runner out.

Above, Sophomore Amanda Blackwell and senior Katie Bajzatt stay focused in the infield as they wait for the pitch. Left, After fielding a ground ball, sophomore Beth Murzyn launches the ball to first base to the throw the runner out.

"Winning sectionals and regionals and going to semistate were my highlights of this season. I think we had a great year."
junior
Sarah Jansky

"My favorite memories of high school softball would have to be winning state two out of four years, going undefeated twice, and setting state records."
senior
Mel Dumezich

"For myself personally, I would have to say getting two double plays in one game was the highlight of my career in softball. Winning two state titles was my best as a team."
senior Katie Bajzatt

Above, The Oilers congratulate each other after their big win at regionals. The seniors have made it to Indianapolis three times out of their four years.

Coach's Corner

"I thought we had a very successful season. We got better as softball players and matured as athletes. Every team brought their 'A' game against us, because beating us would make their season. I feel we responded very well to the challenge. We were excellent representatives of Whiting, and I could not be prouder."

Coach Paul Laub

Right, Filling in for pitcher Mel Dumezich, Ashley Pokraka throws a curve ball to her Wheeler opponent. Pokraka had a record of 4-2 with a .20 ERA and 44 strikeouts.

"Making it to semistate would have to my most memorable part of this season. Being able to play with an awesome group of girls has been a great experience." sophomore Beth Murzyn

"The highlight of the season was when we won regionals and went to state. I'm really going to miss our seniors and our ridiculous bus rides home." junior Sarah Watkins

Whiting vs.

Calumet	W-W
Wheeler	L-L
North Newton	W-W
River Forest	W-W
Lake Station	W-W
Bishop Noll	L-L
Pioneer	W-W
Washington Township	W
Hebron	W
Marquette Catholic	W-W
Clark	W-W
Gavit	W
Morton	W
LaCrosse	W
Kouts	W
Westville	W
Sectionals	
Westville	W
Washington Township	W
Regionals	
Lakewood Park Christian	W
Pioneer	W
Semistate	
Tecumseh	L

Below, Focusing on the pitch to the batter, sophomore Emelie Lovasko waits for a passed ball to take off to third.

Left, Coach Kelly Greer discusses the importance of good base running in this key situation with junior Chelsae Strabavy.

Below, Senior Mel Dumezich, who has led the Lady Oilers to two state titles, fans her Pioneer opponent. State records Dumezich holds include 107 career wins, 1,651 strikeouts, 73 shutouts, 32 no-hitters, ERA 0.22, 116 games started and 194 runs scored. (For more, see pg. 104).

"What Time Is It? Game Time!"

Varsity/JV Tennis

The Whiting High School tennis team began their season with a large number of players, high expectations and a new coach, Mrs. Michelle Duncan, who is also the new WMS/WHS counselor. Coach Duncan brought a new flair to the team, forming the varsity team which consisted of No. 1 singles senior Araceli Gomez; No. 2 singles junior Crystal Godinez; No. 3 singles sophomore Megan Jakovich; No. 1 doubles senior Courtney Winkleman and junior Melissa Rodriguez; and No. 2 doubles junior Kim Atteberry and sophomore Megan Kazmierski. "The key to the team's success was chemistry. Everyone came together and it showed in the end," said Coach Duncan. The team finished their regular season with an 8-4 record. The team also won sectionals, defeating Hammond High, EC Central and Bishop Noll, making this the second time the team was crowned sectional champions in the past three years. They also shared the GSSC co-champs title with MC Marquette and Wheeler.

Above, The 2009 Varsity Tennis Team. Standing: Maegan Stribiak, Megan Jakovich, Araceli Gomez, Megan Kazmierski, Crystal Godinez and Coach Michelle Duncan. Sitting: Melissa Rodriguez, Courtney Winkleman, Kim Atteberry and Lupe Cornejo.

Left, The girls varsity tennis team proudly holds their 2009 Sectional Championship trophy. It was the second sectional win in WHS history.

Above, Senior Courtney Winkleman attempts to strategically lob the ball back to her opponent.

Above, No.1 singles Araceli Gomez prepares to serve for match point.

Above, Junior Melissa Rodriguez waits to return a volley.

Below, No. 2 doubles Kim Atterberry and Megan Kazmierski prepare to rally for their next point.

Left, Sophomore Megan Jakovich swings a hard backhand to her opponent.

"With this year being my senior year, I felt I had a good chance of performing well, and I felt the team really connected and worked together," senior Araceli Gomez

"I think this season was the best out of my four years. Everyone got along as a team, and we won a lot of matches that we lost in the past." senior Courtney Winkleman

"The season this year was extremely fun and exciting. Overall we had a winning record and it was a great experience. We all improved as a whole." junior Crystal Godinez

Above, The JV Tennis Team. Standing: Coach Michelle Duncan, Mariana Cervantes, Emily Ballay, Gina Saliga, Elizabeth Alvarez, Corina Demkowicz. Kneeling: Emily Moen, Rebecca Tirado, Miriam Miramontes, Danielle Weems, Chandler Saints-Semon, Maegan Stribiak. Sitting: Jazmyne Henderson, Lupe Cornejo, Thalia Almendarez.

Coach's Corner

"I was very pleased with the season this year. The girls came out strong and working hard which ultimately paid off. We had a really good group of girls and the chemistry was there to make it a successful year."

Coach Michelle Duncan

Right, Freshman Jazmyne Henderson hopes to catch her opponent offguard while serving at a home match.

"This year's tennis team did an amazing job. I enjoyed being part of the team because it was so much fun. I am looking forward to next year." freshman Mariana Cervantes

"I am glad I was part of the team and saw the improvement everyone made. It was nice having Mrs. Duncan as a coach and winning a match." sophomore Miriam Miramontes

Whiting vs.

River Forest	W
Morton	L
Marquette	L
Wheeler	W
Calumet	W
Bishop Noll	W
Griffith	L
Clark	W
Lake Station	W
Hobart	L
Hammond High	W
Hanover Central	W

Left, Sophomore Lupe Cornejo easily returns the ball as she tries to get another point on her way to victory.

Below, Freshman Gina Saliga attempts to serve an ace in a close game.

Below, Sophomore Miriam Miramontes gets ready to receive the serve from her opponent during her doubles match.

"Try Your Best and Be Positive"

JV Football

Even though most players from last year's JV team moved up to the varsity level, the junior varsity football team had an impressive year. The team worked hard and it paid off. They ended their season with an overall record of 4-2 and a conference record of 3-1. "This year proved to be a very exciting one for the JV Oilers," said Coach Jennings. They began with a slow start by losing their first two games of the season. The JV team was determined after that, however, and racked up four wins in a row. "It was great to see the young guys get excited about going out on Saturday mornings and competing. Some of these players are going to have to fill shoes on varsity next year," Coach Jennings continued.

"Tackling the Competition"

Above, Sophomore Luis Lazaro and Coty Sparks, freshman, are about to obliterate a Clark ball carrier.

Whiting vs.

Clark	L
Wheeler	L
Bishop Noll	W
North Newton	W
Calumet	W
Clark	W
Overall Record	4-2
Conference Record	3-1

Above, Freshman Gio Cruz dances in the end zone after a touchdown by sophomore Eric Perez.

Above, Sophomore Eric Perez breaks a Calumet defender's tackle.
Right, Sophomore Josh Flores holds his helmet high before a kickoff.

Above, Freshman Javier Guerra dives into the end zone for an Oiler touchdown.
Left, Junior Chris Slater makes a spectacular catch against a Calumet defender.

Left, Freshman Miguel Romero looks for a wide open receiver in the game against Clark.

"This season was a fun experience. We had a lot of good players and a fun coach." freshman Miguel Romero

"This year's season was a great experience and I had a lot of fun playing." sophomore Jordan Macon

"We had a slow start this year, but with hard work and sacrifice we came out on top in the end." sophomore Luis Lazaro

JV Volleyball

"Team Nets Wins"

Above, The 2008 Junior Varsity Volleyball Team. First Row: Emelie Lovasko, Monica Kazmierski, Jasmine Lopez, Zeena Darji and Jazmyne Henderson. Second Row: Sarah Jansky, Lauren Kieltyka, Amy Hegeduis, Katie Franciski, Rachel Dabertin, Crystal Godinez and Coach Jill Gajewski.

This year's JV volleyball team started out the season slowly, compiling a 1-7 record. After taking third place at the River Forest Tournament, they rolled to a 20-9 record, defeating, amongst others, Morgan Township, River Forest and South Central and avenging an earlier loss to Bishop Noll in the conference tournament. "This year's team was incredibly well-rounded, with several players being asked to fill in at various positions," said Coach Jill Gajewski. "This year we had a rough start and lost games we should have won. We believed in each other and made a complete turnaround. I can't wait until next year," stated Lauren Kieltyka.

Above, In her last home game, Zeena Darji, senior, sets the ball to her outside hitter.

Above, Coach Jill gives the J.V. girls some words of inspiration.
Left, Junior Crystal Godinez serves the ball during an Oilers' home game.

Right, Juniors Monica Kazmierski and Katie Franciski attempt a double block to defend against the opponent's spike.

Above, Junior Monica Kazmierski spikes the ball in hopes of scoring a point.

Whiting vs.

Washington Twp	L
EC Central	W
Wheeler	L
La Crosse	L
M.C. Marquette	L
Hanover Central	L
Bishop Noll	L
Hanover Central	L
Boone Grove	W
Calumet	W
Gary Roosevelt	W
Morgan Twp.	W
North Newton	W
Kouts	W
Clark	W
Morton	W
M.C. Marquette	L
Bishop Noll	W
Lake Station	W
Gary West Side	W
River Forest	W
Hebron	L
Clark	W
Lake Station	W
South Central	W
Westville	W
Gavit	W

"This season was a lot of fun. We really turned it around and played to our highest potential. I'm really going to miss all of the amazing seniors." junior Katie Franciski

"The J.V. volleyball season was great! I loved having all the girls on the team. The season itself was outstanding because we won many games." senior Zeena Darji

"This year was a real learning experience for me. It was a special feeling finishing the season on a good note." freshman Rachel Dabertin

JV Boys Basketball

With a young team and a new coach, the WHS JV boys basketball team was on a different track this year. Even though the team was only able to rack up two wins this season, Coach Nick McNinch didn't mind. "In regards to wins/losses, we competed with the majority of the teams on our schedule, and that's all you can ask for in a team--compete and put yourself in a position to win ball games," stated Coach McNinch. "We had our ups and downs as most every team has, but now, looking back on the season, I think the season was a success," Coach McNinch added. With this season now behind them, the team can look forward to the future where they can put their experience to use .

"A Learning Experience"

Above, The 2008-09 JV Boys Basketball Team. Standing Coach Nick McNinch, Giovanni Cruz, Thomas Flores, Manager Jake Foster and Coach Jack McNinch. Kneeling: Krunal Darji Matthew Filipek, Jacob Wright, Joseph Bondi and Jacob McNinch.

Whiting vs.

Washington Twp.	L
Clark	L
Griffith	L
Marquette	L
Calumet	L
Westville	W
River Forest	L
North Newton	W
LaCrosse	L
Lake Station	L
Wheeler	L
Bishop Noll	L
Gavit	L
Hanover	L
Grant Park	L
Morton	L
Hebron	L

Above, Freshman Matt Filipek aggressively fights his opponent for possession, which resulted in a jump ball.

Above, With their arms up, the JV team plays hard defense.
Right, Freshman Jacob McNinch attempts to block a pass.

Left, In line getting ready to run a play, the JV team waits to hear their teammate shout out, "Break!" Above, Junior Jacob Wright guards his Wheeler opponent, preventing him from scoring.

Left, Freshmen Caleb Strabavy and Joe Bondi run to try and save the ball before it goes out of bounds.

"I really enjoyed basketball this year. It was difficult, but fun. I plan on doing it again next year." freshman Matt Filipeck

"I really enjoyed my first year at the high school level. I improved a lot and had a ton of fun." freshman Joey Bondi

"Basketball this year was a lot of fun. I'm looking forward to next year." freshman Jon Dietz

JV Girls Basketball

"Nothing but Net"

"JV basketball this year was really different than last year. We had a new coach, but we still worked very hard. We have no seniors next year, so it should be a really good test for us," said sophomore Jennifer Hennessey. This year the team not only had new players, but also had a new coach, Kelly Morando. "I was fortunate enough to receive the great group of girls that I had the privilege to work with for the first time. They all were willing to work hard and learn all of the plays," said Coach Morando. This was a learning year for all involved, and the team looks forward to improving their record next season.

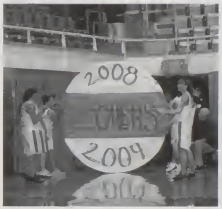
Above, The 2008-09 JV Girls Basketball Team. Kneeling: Coach Kelly Morando. Standing: Anna Romero, Jennifer Hennessey, Megan Jakovich, Megan Kazmierski, Heisell Garcia, Isabel Sandoval, Sayra Jimenez, Amanda Isbill, Alexis Hrabovsky, Beth Murzyn, Tina Ramos, Emily DeLeon, Lupe Cornejo.

Above, Freshman Sayra Jimenez attempts to shoot a basket over the heads of the rival team.

Above, Lupe Cornejo tries to steal the ball before the opposing team can score. Left, Sophomore Megan Kazmierski brings the ball back into play.

Right, Amanda Isbill dribbles across court to the net to score a basket during the Whiting vs. Clark game.

Above, Sophomore Lupe Cornejo guards her opponent.
Right, The JV team gathers together to hold the hoop for the varsity team before their game starts.



"My favorite part of the season was the singing on the bus ride home from the varsity girls sectionals game!" freshman Alexis Hrabovsky

"This year was a challenge with a new coach, but everyone worked together. I can't wait for next year!" sophomore Beth Murzyn

"Next year is definitely going to be different with no seniors, but I'm excited for next season." freshman Isabel Sandoval

JV Baseball

Like the other spring sports this year, the season was shortened by a number of rainouts that could not be rescheduled. During the games the team was able to play, the players learned a lot and gained needed experience. "Being mostly freshmen, the kids learned what high school baseball was about. They competed against some quality programs and won some of those ball games in the process. If these kids develop into the type of varsity players we think they can be, they're going to be very successful at Whiting," said Coach Brett Jennings. JV players who also made the step up to varsity included Giovanni Cruz, Miguel Romero, Joey Bondi and Jordan Macon. "Moving up to the varsity level was a big accomplishment for me. I had to step up my game to compete on that level," stated Cruz.

"Back to Basics 2009"

Above, The 2009 JV Baseball Team. Kneeling: Giovanni Cruz, Camilo Campos, Jordan Macon, Miguel Romero, Joey Bondi, Jordan McNinch and Vincent Rossodivito. Standing: Coach Jennings, Matthew Filipek, Caleb Strabavy, Luis Lazaro, James Staley, Coty Sparks and Coach Mike Nastav.

Whiting vs.

Boone Grove	W
Bishop Noll	L
Bishop Noll	L
East Chicago	L
Andrean	W
Gavit	W
Westville	W
Boone Grove	L
Highland	W
Clark	L
Wheeler	L
Wheeler	L
Griffith	L
Hobart	W
Hobart	L

Above, Freshman Jacob McNinch throws the ball attempting to gun the runner out at first base.

Above, Freshman Giovanni Cruz swings for the baseball during an Oiler home game.
Below, Freshman James Staley fields the ball.

Left, Coach Jennings gathers the team together to offer words of encouragement.
Above, Freshman Caleb Strabavy clears his head and concentrates on hitting the ball.

Above, Freshmen Jordan Macon and Joey Bondi meet up at the pitching mound to go over strategy and pitches.

"This season was a learning experience. It was a lot of fun playing for the Oilers."
freshman Caleb Strabavy

"Even though we didn't win every game, we grew as a team. I can't wait to do it again next year."
sophomore Luis Lazaro

"My first season went really well. I hope next year will be better. I'm going to miss the seniors."
freshman Miguel Romero

JV Softball

"We Came to Play"

Above, The 2009 Junior Varsity Softball Team. First Row: Jasmine Lopez, Stephanie Viveros, Lauren Vega, Emily Henricy, Coach Michelle Kobli, Erica Simunic, Taylor McNinch, Rachel Dabertin, Alexis Hrabovsky. Second Row: Isabel Sandoval, Allie Sciacero, Coach Jill Gajewski, Katelyn Malacina, Jennifer Hennessey, Julianne Stribiak, Tatiana Aponte, Rachel Grunhard, Shelby Eudakis.

"This year's JV softball team was mainly made up of young players who came out and gave it all they had. "I was happy to see all of the girls show great improvement. I think that if they keep improving as fast as they did this year, there's a good chance they will be very successful in their upcoming years," said Coach Jill Gajewski. This was a tough season for the team due to the rainy weather that ended up canceling many of their games which could not be made up. "Even though there were many canceled games, I was happy to see us all push through the rough times together. They are great teammates," said senior Emily Henricy.

Above, After warming up, the team comes together on the mound.

Whiting vs.	
Wheeler	L
Lake Station	W
North Newton	W
Bishop Noll	W
Lake Station	L
Westville	L
Bishop Noll	L
Gavit	L
Griffith	L
Clark	W
Wheeler	L
Hebron	L

Above, Junior Erica Simunic is down and ready to catch the ball. Right, Sophomore Jen Hennessey tags out her opponent.

Right, Freshman Rachel Dabertin slides safely into base, beating her Bishop Noll opponent's attempt to get her out.

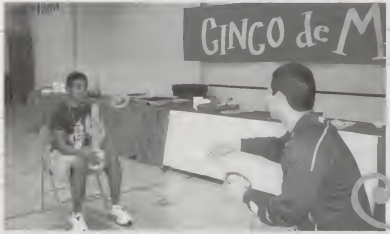
Above, Sophomore Rachel Grunhard is ready for anything that comes her way. Right, Junior Lauren Vega is ready to hit the ball full throttle.

"This year was a great year minus all of the rain, and I cannot wait until next year!" freshman Jasmine Lopez

"This year was a lot of fun and my favorite memory had to be watching the varsity face Bishop Noll." senior Emily Henricy

"I'm going to miss playing with Emily (Henricy), but I look forward to next year." junior Shelby Eudakis

Left, Junior Sarah Watkins, one of six student ambassadors, teaches fourth graders lessons on integrity, respect and sportsmanship during their monthly classes. Below, Representing the junior class for the ring toss during the Cinco de Mayo relay race are Enrique Silva and Aldo Lopez. The juniors had the best finishing time and the twelve participants took home the grand prizes, which were mini piñatas.



Above, Melissa Dumezich, standout pitcher for the Lady Oiler softball team, was named Gatorade Indiana Player of the Year. The Texas A&M-bound ace has also been named Times All-Area Player of the Year three out of four years and owns eight state records including 1,651 strikeouts and 107 career wins.

Right, The Science Olympiad team takes an overall second place at the regional competition held at Purdue Calumet in February. The following month, the team headed down to IUPUI where the state competition was held. After many hours of studying and making adjustments to building events, their hard work paid off and the team placed 12th overall.

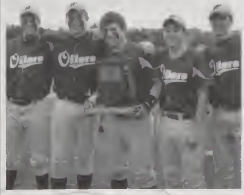
Above, The 2009 graduates greet each other with warm embraces and joyous tears after listening to inspirational speeches and receiving their diplomas at the commencement ceremony.

Left, The varsity tennis team, which includes Crystal Godinez, Melissa Rodriguez, Courtney Winkleman, Megan Kazmierski, Araceli Gomez, and Kim Atteberry, along with first-year coach Michelle Duncan, show off their Sectional Championship trophy, which is their second title in three years.

Above, Ten juniors and seven sophomores are inducted into the prestigious National Honor Society, where next year they will conduct the Thanksgiving Food Drive, tutor students, and try to help serve the school and community.

Right, Principal Jay Harker congratulates Coach Paul Laub after his softball team won the sectional championship. The team went on to the Final Four in Indianapolis, where they were defeated 3-1 in a record-setting 17-inning 4 1/2 hour game.

Above, Freshman Jonathan Dietz supervises some third graders as they try to make a playdough-like substance out of glue, cornstarch and water during the fourth Science Olympiad Fun Day.



Left, After beating Kouts, senior baseball players Chuck Meyers, Daniel Macon, Taylor Pokraka, Michael Unate and Ryan Willoughby are presented with the sectional trophy. Right, The senior promgoers take a break from the electric slide to take a photo at their last high school dance, which was at Cloister in the Woods.

"Go Green" 2008-2009

Another scholastic year has come and gone at Whiting High. For some too soon, for others not soon enough. Either way you look at it, many changes have taken place during the school year, including a new principal, counselor, librarian and teachers. In addition, students faced even more testing at year's end with the ECAs (End of Course Assessments) in Algebra I and II, Biology I, and English 10 and 11. Despite the ever-changing weather this spring, our spring sports teams experienced much success. The tennis and baseball teams were sectional champions. The softball team made it to the Final Four before being defeated at semistate. It was a busy year that went by quickly and is full of many memories.

Left, Senior Andrew DeJesus shows off his new haircut and decorated cap before the start of graduation. Right, At the annual bags tournament funded by Mayor Stahura, junior Krunal Darji tries to score some points against the sophomore team.

Above, Alice and the Queen of Hearts, played by Christabel Gutierrez and Kaitlyn Muratori stand in amazement at the beauty in the Wonderland Garden.

Principal's Message

In this year's Reflector, we celebrate the many sports, extracurricular activities and special events we have here at Whiting High School. Without the commitment and dedication of each and every member of the Whiting High School community, these diverse events would not be possible.

Taking advantage of the opportunities presented to Whiting students now means that they start down a path of good attendance, good grades, active involvement, citizenship, and success. Becoming involved is the best way to have a fulfilling high school career.

My sincere thanks to those individuals who have provided the invaluable experiences and opportunities for our students as highlighted in this yearbook. A special thanks to all those students involved in the publication of this yearbook--artists, photographers, poets and graphic designers--your support and dedication is very much appreciated! We are confident that you will find within the pages of this edition of our yearbook fond memories that will touch your heart.

Jay L. Harker, Principal

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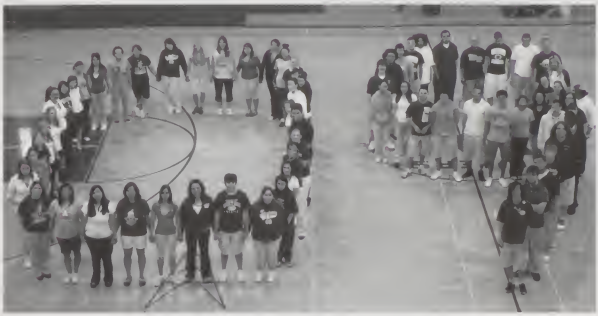

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2008-2009

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TIGER WOODS won his third U.S. Open title at Torrey Pines, outlasting Rocco Mediate on the 19th hole of a play-off. **BILL GATES**, Microsoft's chairman and largest shareholder, marked the unofficial end of his career, "retiring" to spend more time guiding his charitable foundation. **NASA**'s space shuttle Discovery landed safely in Florida after delivering a new Japanese laboratory to the International Space Station.

NEW ORLEANS RAPPER LIL WAYNE grew his fan base with free songs, then sold more than a million copies of "Tha Carter III" in a week, the first album since 2005 to do so.

MIDWESTERN FLOODING caused by severe storms that dropped nearly a foot of rain from Iowa to Michigan and Indiana displaced thousands and left at least eight dead.

A TENNESSEE REPEAT made Coach Pat Summit's Lady Vols the NCAA champions for a second consecutive year. Candace Parker won back-to-back MVP honors.

OBAMA'S NOMINATION

made history when, on June 3, 2008, Barack Obama finally had what he needed — more than 2,118 delegates — to clinch the Democratic nomination and become the first African-American with a viable chance of winning the United States presidency. Obama, an Illinois senator in office less than four years, and New York senator and former First Lady Hillary Clinton had campaigned from coast to coast for months for the right to face Republican John McCain in the Nov. 4 general election.

2008
JUNE

DETROIT'S STANLEY CUP win over the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 6 of the finals brought the National Hockey League title to the Motor City for the fourth time in 11 years. **THE BOSTON CELTICS** won their 17th NBA championship title by the largest margin ever, trouncing the L.A. Lakers by 39 points in the final game of the playoffs.

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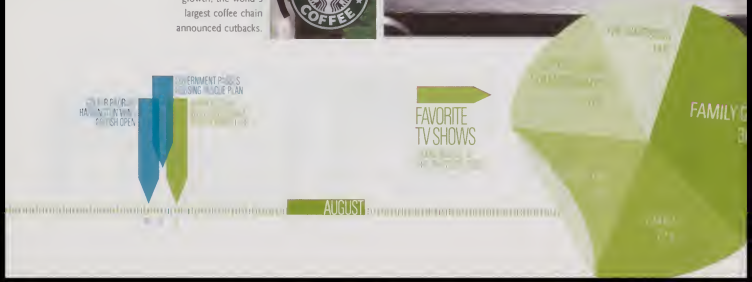
"THE DARK KNIGHT,"

a sequel to Christopher Nolan's "Batman Begins," shattered box office records with its July release. In just 10 days, the superhero thriller brought in more than $300 million at the box office, eclipsing the mark held by "Dead Man's Chest" by nearly a week. Filmed in Chicago, the movie's special effects, musical scores and viral marketing added to its allure and mystique. "The Dark Knight" was nominated for eight Academy Awards, including a posthumous nod for Heath Ledger (for Best Supporting Actor as the Joker). Attempting to enhance its Oscar-winning chances and to surpass $1 billion in worldwide gross, the film was re-released on Jan. 23, 2009.

TOUR DE FRANCE winner Carlos Sastre wore the leader's famed yellow jersey on the final day of the three-week race. The Spaniard won the 95th title by just 58 seconds

PRESIDENT BUSH's noted July legislation included lifting a 17-year ban on off-shore drilling and signing a rescue bill into law, hoping to bolster the sagging housing market.

STARBUCKS ANNOUNCES CLOSINGS of as many as 600 U.S. stores. After years of aggressive growth, the world's largest coffee chain announced cutbacks.



VENUS WILLIAMS defeated sister Serena to win her fifth Wimbledon singles title. The pair beat Lisa Raymond of the U.S. and Samantha Stosur of Australia for the doubles crown

THE JONAS BROTHERS had a busy summer with the release of both the album "A Little Bit Longer" and their Disney movie "Camp Rock" plus a 46-show tour.

JULY WILDFIRES threatened property across California as firefighters in the Sacramento and Big Sur areas battled flames in 100-degree weather

TAYLOR SWIFT was the biggest selling artist of 2008, selling more than four million albums She also performed with Def Leppard in a CMT "Crossroads" episode.

TOP TEN FILMS OF 2008

1. THE DARK KNIGHT
2. IRON MAN
3. HANCOCK
4. WALL-E
5. WANTED
6. SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2
7. STEP BROTHERS
8. MAMMA MIA!
9. INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL
10. HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3

MORE BABIES joined the family of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie in July when twins Knox Leon and Vivienne Marcheline were born in France In addition to their family responsibilities and charitable work, the pair had a productive year careerwise with both "Changeling" and "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" receiving box office and critical acclaim.

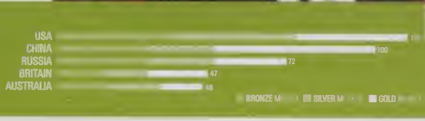
OPENING CEREMONY preparations for nearly seven years culminated in an extravaganza featuring more than 14,000 performers

BERNIE MAC'S DEATH saddened fans of the 50-year-old Chicago comedian/actor.

THE OLYMPICS

meant national pride, athletic competition, pageantry and more. More than 10,000 athletes competed in 300-plus events in 28 sports at 31 competitive venues, many of which had been constructed specifically for the Olympics. An estimated 6.8 million tickets were sold for the various competitions, and the Beijing Olympics was officially the most-watched television event of all time. Through 16 days of coverage, 211 million viewers tuned in to the Olympics on NBC. Among the American success stories were Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor's consecutive golds in beach volleyball, the gold won by U.S. men's basketball team after a disappointing bronze in Athens and swimmer Michael Phelps' eight golds, which brought his lifetime total to 14 Olympic golds

OLYMPIC MEDALS



SEPTEMBER

REPUBLICAN JOHN McCAIN accepted the presidential nomination saying, "Change is coming." The former POW had been an Arizona senator for more than 20 years

TV/MOVIES IN 3-D

ROGER FEDERER won his fifth U.S. Open crown after losses in the finals of both the French Open and Wimbledon to top-ranked/gold medalist Rafael Nadal of Spain

U.S. OLYMPIC GYMNASTS won the team silver medal with Nastia Liukin and Shawn Johnson collecting an additional pair of golds, four more silvers and a bronze

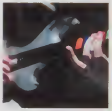
THE FASTEST MAN EVER, Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt set a new world record (9.69 seconds!) en route to his Olympic gold medal in the 100-meter dash in Beijing.

NINTENDO WII FIT allowed millions of users to do virtual yoga, strength training, aerobics and balance games. **U.S. TROOPS** remained in Iraq after more than five years at war in the Middle East, but combat casualties were down significantly and only four coalition countries' troops remained. Fewer than 150,000 U.S., U.K., Australian and Romanian troops remained on Iraqi soil.

TWILIGHT, the first in a series of romantic vampire fantasy novels, exceeded expectations at the box office, prompting immediate discussion of additional adaptations.

WIND FARMS continued to spring up at a record pace in 2008 as Americans sought cost-effective sources for zero-emission power. Texas, Iowa and California led production.

GUITAR HERO AND ROCK BAND continued their battle for virtual musicians; with 4 million units sold (to Guitar Hero's 23 million), Rock Band included drummers.

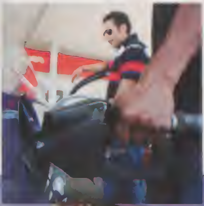


GOVERNMENT BAILOUTS

were back in the news for the first time since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 crippled the already-ailing airline industry. Beginning with a $30 million assist in the March acquisition of financial giant Bear Stearns by JP Morgan Chase, a series of federal aid bills aimed at preventing collapses of myriad finance and investment businesses were signed into effect. In October, President George Bush signed a $700 billion financial bailout package which would allow the government to start buying up troubled assets from financial institutions caught in the home foreclosure epidemic.

BILL & HILLARY, WITH MARING COMEDY SKECH ANALYSIS IN NBC'S *SNL* 1998.

A MODERN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE, BARACK OBAMA, RAISED $150 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER, SETTING A RECORD FOR THE SAINT FAMILY IN ONE MONTH.



WORLD SERIES RAIN DELAYS caused a two-day wait for the Philadelphia Phillies, who eventually won their first title since 1980, beating the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 in five games. **HURRICANE AFFECTS GAS PRICES** in the Southeast as shortages caused lines and lengthy waits for gas costing nearly $5 a gallon following Hurricane Ike which caused damage in oil fields, pipelines and coastal properties.

WORLD RECORD THRILLER

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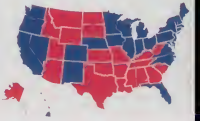
POLLING DAY lines were the talk of the nation. While many states allowed for early voting, the "unprecedented turnout" meant long lines and waits of many hours.

CELEBRATING IN GRANT PARK was a logical conclusion for hundreds of thousands of Chicago residents who gathered to hear the victory speech. The party on "Chicago's front lawn" featured six spotlights piercing the nighttime sky and nine Jumbotrons on which CNN's Wolf Blitzer projected Obama's victory shortly after 10 p.m.

2008 ELECTION RESULTS

POPULAR VOTE
OBAMA - 66,882,230
McCAIN - 58,343,671

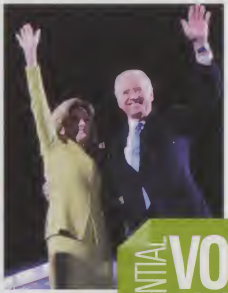
ELECTORAL COLLEGE
OBAMA 365
McCAIN 173
270 to win



NOVEMBER

VICTORY SPEECH

Flanked by his wife Michelle and daughters Sasha (7) and Malia (10), Obama addressed the more than 250,000 gathered in Grant Park and millions more who watched on television. "If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time; who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer," he said. Vice President-elect Joe Biden and his wife Jill shared the stage.



SHEPARD FAIREY's collage portrait of Obama became a popular poster and T-shirt during the campaign. Before Inauguration Day, the piece by the L.A. street artist also hung in the National Portrait Gallery. **GLOBAL REACTION** generally favorable; world leaders and random citizens voiced support for Obama in media worldwide.

INFLUENTIAL VOTING ISSUES

GAS PRICES **46.2%**
ECONOMY **37.5%**
ENVIRONMENT **30.1%**
EDUCATION **24.2%**
IRAQ **22.1%**
HEALTH CARE **20.5%**
TAXES **17.2%**

THE LARGEST DINOSAUR FOSSIL FIELD EVER was discovered in China this year. Paleontologists announced in December that more than 7,600 fossils, including a skull measuring two meters, were uncovered.

HILLARY CLINTON, once his opponent for the presidential nomination, was later selected by President-elect Barack Obama to serve as Secretary of State.

F-18 CRASHES INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD in San Diego en route to a nearby Marine base after a training exercise; the accident killed three residents of one home.

ROD BLAGOJEVICH governor of Illinois, was charged with corruption after conspiring to obtain personal gain in filling Obama's vacated seat in the Senate.

COLDPLAY'S CHRIS MARTIN, who was accused of plagiarism by guitarist Joe Satriani, won three Grammys, including Song of the Year for "Viva la Vida."

DECEMBER

LEAN HOLIDAY SALES reflected the struggling economy. A decrease of 1.5-2% in both November and December was the first since 1969, when such records originated. On the other hand, discount stores such as Target, Costco and Walmart were less affected and Amazon declared the 2008 holiday season its "best ever," selling more than 6.3 million items worldwide on Dec. 15, its peak day, amounting to "a record-breaking 72.9 items per second."

RUINS OF A CITY from the Wari culture were discovered in northern Peru, providing the "missing link" between two ancient civilizations. **A NEW ENGLAND ICE STORM** left nearly a million homes and businesses without electricity. The powerful storm's heavy rains, cold temperatures and high winds wreaked havoc on the region.

2008
TOP iTUNES DOWNLOADS

TRACKS

1. LEONA LEWIS - BLEEDING LOVE
2. COLDPLAY - VIVA LA VIDA
3. FLO RIDA - LOW
4. KATY PERRY - I KISSED A GIRL
5. RIHANNA - DISTURBIA
6. LIL WAYNE - LOLLIPOP
7. JORDIN SPARKS - NO AIR
8. NATASHA BEDINGFIELD - POCKETFUL OF SUNSHINE
9. SARAH BAREILLES - LOVE SONG
10. RIHANNA - DON'T STOP THE MUSIC

ALBUMS

1. COLDPLAY - VIVA LA VIDA
2. JACK JOHNSON - SLEEP THROUGH THE STATIC
3. JUNO - SOUNDTRACK
4. LIL WAYNE - THA CARTER III
5. SARA BAREILLES - LITTLE VOICE
6. ONCE - SOUNDTRACK
7. JASON MRAZ - WE SING, WE DANCE, WE STEAL
8. ONEREPUBLIC - DREAMING OUT LOUD
9. ACROSS THE UNIVERSE - SOUNDTRACK
10. LEONA LEWIS - SPIRIT

THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA (ICTY) ACCUSES BOSNIAN SERB LEADER RADOVAN KARADZIC OF GENOCIDE, CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND VIOLATIONS OF THE LAWS OR CUSTOMS OF WAR. HE IS ON THE RUN, AND THE ICTY HAS OFFERED A $5 MILLION REWARD FOR HIS CAPTURE. HIM OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

THREE SUBMARINE COMMUNICATIONS CABLES BREAK, SLOWING INTERNET AND TELEPHONE TRANSMISSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ASIA.

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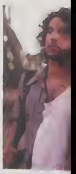
THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA GATORS won their second BCS championship title with a 24-14 victory over second-ranked Oklahoma. Gator QB Tim Tebow threw for 231 yards and rushed for another 109 yards. **A SOLAR ECLIPSE** the year's first, occurred on Jan. 26 and was visible from southern Africa to Australia, Southeast Asia and Indonesia. The 2009 calendar also showed four lunar eclipses and a total solar eclipse in July.



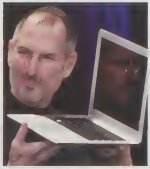
"24" RETURNS TO FOX for a seventh season after a hiatus of nearly 20 months. The award-winning drama was nominated for 57 Emmys in its first six seasons.

THE SECOND ANNUAL NHL WINTER CLASSIC, played outside at Chicago's Wrigley Field on Jan. 1, ended with the Detroit Red Wings beating the Blackhawks 6-4.

AN AL FRANKEN VICTORY was declared on Jan. 5, after nearly eight weeks of recounts and appeals. Incumbent Minnesota Senator Norm Coleman announced his appeal.

A MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON

allowed all 155 aboard US Airways Flight #1549 to escape safely after the Airbus A320 struck a flock of birds during a LaGuardia take-off for Charlotte, NC. Veteran pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger guided the jetliner over New York City without engines and landed it in the Hudson River, where passengers waited on the wings and in rafts to be rescued from the frigid waters by ferries and Coast Guard vessels.



"LOST" RETURNS TO ABC with unresolved mysteries and many questions. The fifth season of the award-winning drama opened in January attracting more than 12.2 million viewers. **APPLE CEO STEVE JOBS** announced a leave of absence in January citing health reasons. Jobs asked COO Tim Cook to take the reins through June, when he planned to return. **PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA** and his wife Michelle greet the public on Inauguration Day.

BY THE NUMBERS

INAUGURATION DAY

$150 MILLION

25,500

60 SECONDS

10

4,000

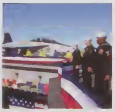
112

TWO MILLION

THE STEEL CURTAIN

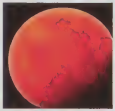
's historic sixth Super Bowl victory in Tampa once again gave Pittsburgh bragging rights as the Steelers beat the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 with a last-minute touchdown by MVP Santonio Holmes. The Steelers won their second Super Bowl in four seasons after a game-ending seesaw that also included a 64-yard Arizona TD by All-Pro Larry Fitzgerald with just 2:37 remaining.

USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH, a new Navy aircraft carrier, was commissioned in honor of the 84-year old 41st president and decorated WWII Navy pilot in January.



LAST EPISODE OF "THE LATE SHOW" with Conan O'Brien was Feb. 20 and Jimmy Fallon took over as host March 2. In June, O'Brien replaces Jay Leno as Tonight Show host.

LIFE ON MARS was considered a possibility after European space scientists found ice packs near the planet's surface and higher atmospheric methane levels.



BRITISH SINGER ADELE won the Grammy for Best new artist. The 20-year old vocalist also won Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for her hit "Chasing Pavement."

JAPAN'S MOUNT ASAMA erupted, sending a plume of ash a mile into the sky.

FACEBOOK TURNS FIVE with 150 million users, the business is worth more than $1 billion.

KATE WINSLETT'S TWO GOLDEN GLOBES as supporting actress in "The Reader" and Best Actress in "Revolutionary Road" ended her streak of nominations-not-wins at five in both the Golden Globe and Oscar awards. Six weeks later, Winslett won the Best Actress Oscar for "The Reader."